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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

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The House met at 14:15.

The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.

The SPEAKER: Good afternoon, hon members. To our guests in the gallery who are still making their way in, welcome to the gallery this afternoon. Please be aware of the notices in the gallery regarding the use of cellphones. You are also reminded that you are not allowed to participate in any proceedings of the House. We thank you for being here with us today and I would like to call the House to order.

I have to announce that I have received a letter from the acting Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, informing me that a vacancy has occurred in the delegation of the Western Cape with the resignation of the hon J J Londt. I recognise the Chief Whip.

(Notice of Motion)

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that I shall move:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 198, precedence be given to the subject for discussion, thereafter the first Order of the Day. Thank you.

And my apologies, Madam Speaker, that the Motion on the Order Paper in my name be heard first, thank you.

The SPEAKER: Okay. The Chief Whip moved the motion on the Order Paper. Are there any objection? No objections. Agreed to. Chief Whip, do I need to recognise you again?

(Subject for Discussion)

**THE LATEST CRIME STATISTICS AND THE IMPACT
THEREOF ON THE WESTERN CAPE.**

Mr M G E WILEY: I would like to congratulate Dr George on being ratified as a permanent delegated of the NCOP. [Applause]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Okay, hon members, we now move to the subject for discussion. In the name of the hon member M G Wiley as printed on the Order Paper. I recognise the hon the Chief Whip Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, some years ago SAPS took a decision to stop issuing real-time crime stats in favour of a system that released the statistics a year in arrears.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: “Some years ago”, when was that?

Mr M G E WILEY: The decision mirrored the UK system which also release stats in arrears. [Interjections.] The Scotland Yard PC at the time, Sir Paul Condon ... (intervention)

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi ...

Mr M G E WILEY: ... explained to me that the purpose was to give the authorities the time to analyse the crime trends and then to implement strategies to counter these trends, so that by the time the stats were released, the public could be reassured that the crime drivers were being addressed and that these indices were already showing some improvement.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] is what you are doing.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi ...

Mr M G E WILEY: This makes sense.

The SPEAKER: ... order please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The stats is not the problem.

Mr M G E WILEY: Psychologically this is the best way to maintain public confidence in the police and to give the public the security of knowledge that the situation is under control. It takes time to build synergies and strategies within spheres of government, as well as bridges to the community.

The Bavarian Police Delegation currently visiting the Province, stressed the importance of building public confidence in the police and added that sufficient numbers of officers on the ground were vital to interact with the public, developing relations, building trust and communication. This communication is educational on the one hand, but also a rich source of information. Their public confidence in the police in Bavaria is the highest of any government department ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is chalk and cheese. That is chalk and cheese.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... because they are seen as a totally professional ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip Wiley, kindly ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: ... and apolitical.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip Wiley, kindly take your seat, please. Hon

member Dyantyi, interjections are allowed, but an ongoing interjection becomes a diatribe. I am asking you to cooperate, so please do not interrupt the speaker on the floor, and no running interjections. Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I will continue with interjections.

The SPEAKER: You may – hon member Dyantyi, I have just addressed you. Interjections are allowed, but no running commentary. Thank you. You may proceed, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you. The crime statistics relating to the Western Cape speak for themselves. They are shocking, but they are also revealing that they clearly indicate crimes of pattern.

Some categories are as bad as one might find in the worst parts of the world. Gang-related crime, organised crime syndicates, alcohol-related crime and domestic violence is some of the prominent groupings.

So how does the South African Police deal with these challenges? Firstly, as far as the Western Cape is concerned, they are reducing police numbers year on year for the last three years and plan to continue doing so, despite the province having the lowest population to police ratio in the country.

Secondly, when they do bring about strategies to counter crime, they strip the already under-resourced local police stations even more, for example the new launched Anti-Gang Unit. This affects police morale at stations, it affects

service delivery at the [Interjections.] most crucial level, and strains police community relations. [Interjections.]

Thirdly it is quite obvious that the National Government sees policing and crime combatting as an extension of their political arm. [Interjections.] Senior appointments are made based on allegiances to the ANC. In the run-up to the 2019 election, bearing in mind that this province is the only non-ANC one, this has reached fever pitch. The launch of the Anti-Gang Unit was an extravagant jamboree ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Really?

Mr M G E WILEY: ... despite the fact that for the preceding decade [Interjections.] ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Hon members, there is too much noise on the floor. You cannot drown out a speaker. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Despite for the preceding decade gangs were just as murderous [Interjections.] and destructive. Why now the launch? Calls by the DA to restart the Unit fell on deaf ears [Interjections.] as the bodies piled up day by day.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: The ANC ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, kindly take your seat. I am now going to address both sides of the House. It is disrespectful to the speaker to engage in your own dialogue. So I am requesting both side of the House, there is too much noise whilst we have a speaker on the floor. I require your cooperation. You may proceed, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: The ANC election manager, Ebrahim Rasool, and National Minister Cele, see crime combatting as the sole responsibility of the DA Provincial and Local Government. It is a good example of how they refuse to embark on another of the key success indicators: cooperation between spheres of government. In this debate you will hear just how much this Province has stretched its constitutional mandate.

Rasool, when he was Premier here, did none of the things he accuses the DA of. On the contrary ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Ag, please.

Mr M G E WILEY: ... he destroyed relations with the police.

An HON MEMBER: Please!

Mr M G E WILEY: This highly successful [Inaudible.] structure which bound

all departments across the government spheres in a coordinated team was disbanded by them. The much touted Bambanani citizens group, created by this Government, was later disbanded also by the ANC Government in 2008. [Interjections.] As it was criticised as paying slave wages, was ineffective and exploitative. Amusingly the newest champion of the ANC plan, Lennit Max, was highly critical in the Bambanani's in 2008 in this House, but what has changed Lennit? Maybe it is the R35 million slush fund that Mr Cele has found. [Interjections.]

Rasool and Cele say [Interjections.] ... Say that crime cannot be stopped [Interjections.] until the socio-economic ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr M G E WILEY: ... factors are addressed.

An HON MEMBER: Six million.

Mr M G E WILEY: The police cannot patrol in informal settlements apparently. Well, given that the budgets to the ordinary constable on the beat and the detectives have been so stripped that they cannot afford torches, radios and that the few have to patrol in numbers, it is not surprising that they are afraid to go in there. Where is Popcru outrage when the torches and radios meant for the professional constables are now going to be given to untrained volunteers?

Mr P UYS: Where are your stats?

Mr M G E WILEY: Is this a strategy?

An HON MEMBER: And why not?

Mr M G E WILEY: Yet the VIP protection unit, the Presidential Unit and other special units, have only seen their budgets rise steeply. The most sophisticated equipment, weapons, communication systems and external training. Is the protection of a few elites a strategy? Lately information is a key. Last year's information is a key; crime intelligence.

Despite the gathering of an analysis of information being the sole competence of the National Government, it is inconceivable that over several years more than 60% of the Metrorail coaches in the City of Cape Town have been destroyed without a single arrest and a single conviction. Is that a strategy?

But they can tell you all you want to know ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] by who?

Mr M G E WILEY: But they can tell you all you want to know about a DA public representative's life and they can act like lightning [Interjections.] when any person lays a charge ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam ...

Mr M G E WILEY: ... against a DA administration. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: So you still [Inaudible.] an army. You still need an army ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, may [Interjections.] ... Hon member Magaxa, I see you. Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I must say the timing for this debate is very interesting. Roughly 13 days after President Cyril Ramaphosa and Police Minister, Comrade Bheki Cele launched an Anti-Gang Unit, which has started to make significant progress in the fight against gangs and drugs in this province, it does not take rocket science to then understand the rationale for this debate. It is both to give the DA an opportunity to respond to the launch, as well as to afford the aspirant Premier, the failed MEC of Agriculture who could not get clean audits ... [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Exactly!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... for the two consecutive years, and opportunity to make

his maiden speech as an MEC for Community Safety. [Interjections.]
Comrade Ebrahim Rasool has correctly ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... diagnosed the problem.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You will see! [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Comrade Ebrahim Rasool has correctly diagnosed the problem when he said in his article, I quote:

“Turkeys do not vote for Christmas. Why is the DA panicking about the police’s Anti-Gang Unit in Cape Town?”

Indeed panic has set in at the Democratic Alliance headquarters. Everyone has come to accept that without fear of crime the DA cannot survive ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... and so with the success of the Anti-Gang Unit [Interjections.] the party will be totally irrelevant. For the party, the crime situation is a campaigning tool.

Mr S G TYATYAM: Yes!

Mr K E MAGAXA: As crime worsens the DA gets a golden opportunity ...

[Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Sies, man!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Siss, man!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... to [Inaudible.] instill fear in society. Everybody know the party thrives on situations of fear and disunity.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande! Skande!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Disgrace! Disgrace!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is a product of division. A point comrade Rasool successfully captured in his piece, that the diligence with which the fear of crime is fuelled and manipulated by the DA, knows no boundaries.

An HON MEMBER: Ja!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Over the last 10 years we have been subjected to claims that crime fighting is not a provincial competency, that's why we cannot do anything as the DA.

Ms P MAKELENI: Exactly!

Mr K E MAGAXA: We witness a government that invested time, ...
[Interjection]

Ms P MAKELENI: Are you jealous?

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... efforts and resources to denounce the crime fighting forces and to destabilise the work of the police.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Ja.

Mr K E MAGAXA: We had to consistently listen to populous demand for the deployment of the army in the province ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr K E MAGAXA: During this period of inaction by the party, which is DA's manipulation of people's feeling, crime soared in the province.

Despite the high number still being reported, a proper analysis of crime statistics shows that as a country we are starting to turn the tide against crime.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Mr K E MAGAXA: According to the stats we have witnessed a 4,4% decline

in the 17 communities in reported serious crime nationally in the last year. The decline covers contact crimes, property related crimes and other serious crimes. SAPS deserve all the credit for the good work they continue to do, despite challenges the services is faced with.

The Western Cape saw a 4,6% decrease in the number of reported crimes. Contact crime decreased by 1,5%, although murder, attempted murder and rape increased significantly. The Western Cape had 10 stations in the top 30 murder stations in the country. That these 10 stations are not in the leafy suburbs, but in the Cape Flats, is not by accident, but by design.

Indeed National Police Minister Bheki Cele was correct on his assessment that socio-economic conditions coupled with poor infrastructure contribute towards the increase of crime. That is scientific [Inaudible]. ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa – sorry, kindly take your seat please. There is a member on the floor. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Is the hon Leader of the Opposition prepared to take a question? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat, thank you. Hon member Magaxa, are you prepared to take a question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: His question will be answered by the education I am presenting to him now. He must listen carefully. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, kindly take your seat. The hon member will not take a question. Thank you, you may proceed, hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, he is afraid to answer.

Mr K E MAGAXA: That these 10 stations are not in the leafy suburbs, but in poor communities. That is why we supported and we continue to support the scientific information that Bheki Cele correctly put that socio-economic conditions coupled with poor infrastructure contribute towards increase of crime.

The poor infrastructure, lack of CCTV cameras, that in most cases are not even working, even those that are installed, are responsible for this serious crime. Zille, in trying to dispute this undeniable fact, was inviting the heckling she received in the Winde talk show yesterday.

I want to take three example from these 10 point stations ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please, hon member Magaxa. Kindly take your seat.
Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: I will appreciate it if members are referred to as hon members.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Magaxa, all members are ...
[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you very much, noted.

The SPEAKER: You need to address ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: ... every member as hon, please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In 2009 when the DA took over, the murder rate in Nyanga stood at 208. This number increased to 308 in 2018.

An HON MEMBER: Under DA.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In Mitchells Plain it was only 59 in 2009 and it is now ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Hon Magaxa [Interjections.] ... kindly take your seat.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: 59 people are 59 too many. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please, hon – Minister Fritz, sorry, were you rising on a point of order?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: 59 people dying or being killed [Interjections.] are 59 people too many.

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: No, he said “only”.

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Only 59.

The SPEAKER: ... kindly take your seat [Interjections.]. That is not a point of order, thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, we had been advising DA to be friendly with stats, because stats exposes the reality of the situation.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sit down!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It was only 59 in 2009 in Mitchells Plain. It is 104 in 2018.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, your finger, please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: In Khayelitsha it was 121, and increased to 192 in 2018.

An HON MEMBER: Under DA.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Before we discuss the impact of this on families [Interjections.] and society in general, we need to interpret the real reason for this. The high unemployment rate, poverty and declining economic [Inaudible.] in the Cape Flats gave rise to a crime situation, including the failure of DA to involve communities in fighting crime.

Before we [Interjections.] – this means, hon member Alan Winde, who is the chief orchestrator for the high unemployment rate and poverty in Cape Flats [Interjections.], which contributed to increased level of crime ... [Interjections.]. We now heard [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order, please! [Applause] Order! [Interjections.] Order, please, members. You may proceed.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No, can you correct him? [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: We will now [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Sorry.

Ms M N GILLION: No, Madam Speaker, you must correct him.

The SPEAKER: You may.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is completely unparliamentary for the members of the DA to disrupt this speaker and be clapping hands when that member arrives. I hope that you can speak to them.

The SPEAKER: Sorry ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have got to correct them.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat, please. Thank you, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Madam Speaker, with respect [Interjections.], we are a family here and the hon [Interjections.] ... [Applause] I have asked to address you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please! [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa [Interjections.], hon member Dyantyi – sorry, please take your seat hon

member Dyantyi [Interjections.].

Mr Q R DYANTYI: But he must sit down. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat, please! Hon member Dyantyi ...
(intervention)

Mr Q R DYANTYI: [Inaudible.] must sit down.

The SPEAKER: There is no “Wiley, sit down”. There was just a request
[Interjections.] to address members as honourable and you say “Wiley, sit
down”. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. [Interjections.] We were told
that the hon member was gravely ill. We are delighted to see him back.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip Wiley.

Ms M N GILLION: No, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion?

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, can I address you please?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, the last time when we were in this sitting, the same thing happened; Madam Speaker, please don't allow the DA to control your rulings here. Because ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion ... Interjection.]

Ms M N GILLION: Because – no, Madam Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: ... the last time, the last time ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, let me ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: No, Madam Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I am going to ask you to take your seat.

Ms M N GILLION: ... this House was in chaos ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: ... because with some hon members you have patience to listen to or whatever and others not. Please, Madam Speaker, [Interjections.] treat everybody the same. [Interjections.] Do not allow this House to ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please, thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: ... to adjourn again like that.

The SPEAKER: Your point is sustained, but I am not going to have you imply that I am being controlled, firstly.

Mr S G TYATYAM: No, you are biased.

The SPEAKER: If you think I am biased, you bring a substantive motion. Hon member Joseph was admitted to hospital, he was in ICU [Interjections.] and the fact that everyone cheered because he came in, he might have been away for a while, it was inappropriate, hon members, but may we now proceed?

Ms M N GILLION: So what is the ruling on this?

The SPEAKER: I have asked ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Because they can disrupt our speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, hon member Gillion, that is not the point. Hon members – take your seat please, hon member Tyatyam, I am speaking. Kindly take your seat.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I want to speak after you.

The SPEAKER: You will not speak after me. I have asked you to take your seat! [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam [Interjections.] ...

Ms P MAKELENI: Not in this our House.

Mr S G TYATYAM: I want to address you [Inaudible.]. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, what happened was inappropriate, it was unacceptable in that the hon member Magaxa was on his feet.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

The SPEAKER: I cannot, however, call back or pull back the applause, because it has happened. I am asking you though to be mindful in future that if there is a speaker on his feet, that we do react and respond differently. I do though, not take kindly to being called out in the manner which you did, hon member Tyatyam. I am the Speaker and it is my duty to maintain the dignity

and decorum of this House, and I will not allow you to undermine my authority. You may proceed, hon member Magaxa [Interjections.] – hon member Tyatyam, if you refuse to cooperate, I will have to ask you to leave the Chamber. [Interjections.]

So please do not. Your next one you are out the door. [Interjections.] You may proceed, hon member Magaxa, thank you. [Interjections.]

Ms P MAKELENI: Be scared.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, the only reason that our hon aloof Winde is made the MEC of Community Safety, is to increase his visibility and electability, since he is going to be our DA's Premier candidate. [Interjections.] The DA hopes the rise in the feat of crime, together with Winde's tantrums, can translate into more popularity for the Premier candidate.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: In their dreams!

Mr K E MAGAXA: With only a week in office he made his intentions clear ... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis te laat vir julle!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is too late for you!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... that he will play the blame and complain game in the meeting with the Provincial Police Commissioner, Lt Jula, where he told him that he will take the fight to the National Minister to ensure that the Western Cape gets more police.

While the useless DA wants to shift goalposts and play the blame game, citing the police to population ratio in the province, and complain about resource constrained police stations, it is worth nothing that this is not a Western Cape only challenge.

The SAP staff establishment nationally has been reduced as a result of the medium-term expenditure framework from 194,000 to 193,297 in 2017 / 2018.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So is it a national [Inaudible.].

Mr K E MAGAXA: Of this amount 150,791 are operational personnel, [Interjections.] and fall under the SAPS Act, while 42,506 personnel members fall under the Public Service Act. The national ratio of police to civilian population stands at one as per 375. The Western Cape received the third highest provincial staff deployment, coming after Gauteng and KZN. As at September 2018, the provincial staff deployment for the Western Cape was 20,457 deployed staff which falls under the Police Act, and 5,037 which falls under the Public Service Act, totalling 25,494.

In terms of police shortage the Western Cape is not the most affected as we are led to believe by this populist demagogue DA. Gauteng is mostly affected by the way. In terms of police ration the province's police ratio is better than the national average of one to 375 in terms of provincial capacity, and the national capacity within, which is one per 324. If the support personnel in Police Act officials are included, it will be a better average.

So the DA's misconstrued province policy to population ratio of one to 509 is misleading and is wrong.

Mr C M DUGMORE: That is a lie. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: That is wrong, it is a lie. [Interjections.] Over the past decade people have been subjected to misinformation and manipulation. We witness lesser Government involvement in the fight against crime. Section 206 was reduced to only being oversight agents.

For the party to brag about being the only province to establish a police ombudsman as well to have established the Zille Commission of Inquiry and [Inaudible.] justifies our long-held view that the DA has nothing to offer in the fight against crime.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I knew! I knew!

Mr K E MAGAXA: It is his own interest and politicising ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... of the matter. One can add in actual fact ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I knew.

The SPEAKER: Chief Whip Wiley?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The Zille Commission.

Mr M G E WILEY: Again the hon member refuses to call the Premier by an honorific which she is entitled to in the House and attributes a Commission of Inquiry to her. She never had a Commission of Inquiry.

An HON MEMBER: Okay!

Mr M G E WILEY: There was a Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Chief Whip. [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, if I may. We are all hon members. Please in future address every member as an hon member. Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I am just talking about the Commission's name. It is known as ... [Interjection.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Ja, but I am not referring to our hon Premier in this respect. [Interjections.]

Now ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is the Zondo Commission.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I want to state that this bragging about the same ombudsman and ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, excuse me, hon member Magaxa, I just need to address your members. They are disrespecting you by speaking whilst you are speaking. If you could afford your member the opportunity speak in silence? Thank you. You may proceed.

Mr K E MAGAXA: None of the recommendations of that Commission will ever be implemented by the same DA who is bragging about the Commission.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Gooi kole!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Throw coals!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: More time [Inaudible.] resources have been spent over the years in politicising crime than solving, including that Commission in actual fact. It's aim was to politicise the thing.

The DA committed resources to destabilising and sabotaging police work in the province. Hon Premier Zille and the white cabal of the DA were actively involved in lobbying to get Major-General Jeremy Vearey [Inaudible.] including Peter Jacobs demoted from their position. In October 2015, Premier Zille wrote a letter to oppose the promotion of Jeremy Vearey. These are the same people who, despite having little resources at their disposal, manage to lock away the entire Atlantis Fancy Boys gang members, as well as several other gang leaders and members in the province.

That is why there is a strong perception that the previous MEC for Safety, who is Mayor today, was part of this gang, because the same tendency of attacking action taken by police to lock in gangs is condemned by the person who is supposed to defend the police.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat, please. Kindly take your seat please.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dis baie seer, dis baie seer.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It hurts a lot, it hurts a lot.]

The SPEAKER: Premier?

The PREMIER: On a point of order. Is the hon member allowed to impugn the integrity of a former MEC in this House, who is now the Mayor?
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I have noted your point of order, Premier. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: He is no longer belonging here.

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Crime is spiralling out of control, especially in the Western Cape, mainly due to the Provincial Government's own failures, politicising of crime, which included dismantling the Bambanani's against crime project, and other effective strategies employed by the ANC in its time and that resulted in this crisis. The ANC under our beloved President Ramaphosa is serious about dealing with crime in the province. I think we have seen him walking ...

Mr D JOSEPH: Serious about what?

Mr K E MAGAXA: To address that problem. Followed by our beloved Premier of course, following our President in executing his responsibility to deal with this crime problem.

The implementation of Operation Thunder, the commitment to bring back the

Bambanani's, as well as the launch of the Anti-Gang Unit, will normalise the situation. For the first time the children will be able to play safe on the street of Hanover Park, including all the areas ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ...

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... in our Cape Flats, help the Cape Flats ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Sorry, if I may, your time is up. Finish your sentence, thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Can I finish the last sentence? Thank you, Madam Speaker. Health care personnel will not fear going to work; no area will be a no-go zone because of the gangs in the province. As a result, the case over the 10 years ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Your time has now expired, thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... the spirit of new dawn has set in. The ANC's President Ramaphosa has finally answered the people's call.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. [Applause] I now see the hon the Minister. Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon members. [Applause]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and it is interesting, I heard the interjection from the hon member Dugmore says let us speak about the stats. I heard nothing about the stats from that hon member. But ... [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your seat. Hon members, if I can request that you put your hands on the desk, because the pointing of fingers is unparliamentary. We cannot [Interjections.] – and hon member Dugmore looks around, yet it was his finger that was pointing – yes, not once but twice.

So I may request both sides of the House, please, hon members, let us ...

An HON MEMBER: Sorry, sorry.

The SPEAKER: When we speak let us speak with respect and afford – hon member Fritz, kindly take your seat, I am speaking. [Interjections.] When a member is on the floor afford that member the courtesy of being listened to and not being drowned out. Whilst the hon member Magaxa was speaking there was silence and a fair amount of respect. Let us afford all speakers that same respect. I see the hon the Minister. Sorry, I see Minister Fritz.

[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I thought it was my turn to speak, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, as a pint of order I want to make the point and I think you also alluded to it. We actually kept absolutely quiet when the hon Leader of the Opposition spoke [Interjections.]. We kept quiet.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The minute our speaker started speaking [Interjections.] – again, they have not respect for no one. They drown people out.

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz, thank you.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I think you should name and kick them out of the House.

The SPEAKER: Minister Fritz ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: ... your point [Interjections.] ... your point is sustained. Hon members, I am appealing to every member in this House, please manage yourself with dignity and decorum. It is the least we can do. We are hon

members. I recognise the Minister, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this year's crime statistics is painting a dire picture of the Western Cape; in fact our province can be regarded as a mini war zone.

Mr P UYS: Because of you.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And, Madam Speaker, this debate, and I want to thank the Chief Whip for putting this debate on the table, it talks to statistics, and up front I will actually ask the question: why do we need statistics? We need statistics because they are a tool for management. [Interjections.] They are a tool for management and I'm going to answer the hon Leader of the Opposition just now about that management tool and how it is not being used.

Madam Speaker, in this time that we find ourselves in the midst of the fourth industrial revolution, when real-time data should be something that should be used all the time in management of whatever we do and specifically in management of a mini war zone or a crisis that so many of our communities find themselves in, in gangland, in war zones. We need real-time data and the best possible statistics to help us make decisions and manage.

Ms P MAKELENI: So what is the solution?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: When the Minister of Police, Bheki Cele, said the police have dropped the ball in crime fighting efforts [Interjections.], he was absolutely correct. We have dropped the ball – the hon Leader of the Opposition starts arguing about which province has got the most or whatever, but people ... [Interjections.] ... in this province are dying every single day, and I'll give you those statistics shortly.

But more than that, the hon Leader of the Opposition says resourcing of hotspots is not by accident, it is by design. Well, quite frankly if that is what he says, then he should hang his head in shame, because if we have a look at the real statistics that are put on the table this week, at the Safer Western Cape Forum, and we look at the independent statistics put on the table, at the highest crime hotspot here on the Cape Flats that he talks about, we are talking about 365 murders per 100,000.

Now normally when we get measured as a region, that does not zoom down into these actual spaces. We get measured as the whole region.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Why do you not invite ANC to the summit?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: And then what we do ... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: Why did you not invite the ANC to the summit ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Hon member Dugmore [Interjections.] – order, please! Order! [Interjections.] Hon member Dugmore, if you wish to pose a question you would need to do it through the Chair and ask if the Minister will take a question. You cannot pose the question directly across the floor.

Mr C M DUGMORE: On a point of order, would the MEC take a question?

The SPEAKER: Okay, take your seat. Hon member Winde, will you take a question? Yes, he will.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. Could the MEC indicate why ANC MPLs were not invited to the summit that you are talking about? Given that you are professing to want to work in partnerships. Why did you not do the very basic thing of inviting the Leader of the Opposition for instance, and other MPLs dealing with this. Is this an indication of the way that you are going to be divisive in attending to this portfolio?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. Minister Winde?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I will give the exact names of who was invited and who are RSVP'd. I was asked this question and hon member Grant was also asked this question at that same forum yesterday; why was Prasa not there, and today they were supplied with who the invitation was given to [Interjections.], who the RSVP came from and who did not pitch, and I will provide exactly the same detail

as who was invited; who RSVP'd, if they did and who did not pitch.
[Interjections.] Yes, the MPLs.

Madam Speaker, I will get back to this 365 number, because normally when we measure ourselves in statistics and we rate ourselves against other real crime murder hotspots around the world ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your seat please. [Interjections.]
Hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Madam Speaker, I don't know whether it is a point of order, but I never said ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: If you do not know sit down.

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... I never said the deployment [Interjections.] of resources.

The SPEAKER: Okay.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I never said the deployment of resources by design. I never said that. He was not listening to me.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I think I just want to correct that.

The SPEAKER: I cannot comment ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You must listen to me when I am speaking.
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, I cannot comment on what you have said. The Minister is giving his interpretation and I trust that it would be understood in the manner in which it was intended. Minister Winde.
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The hon Leader of the Opposition was making a point and saying the DA does not deploy police forces into hotspot areas by design. That is what he was saying, and I am exactly reversing that and I am giving you the reason why the ANC does do that.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] misquoting him, again.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So, the hon Leader said that resourcing of hotspots – I wrote it down – is not by accident, it is by design.

The PREMIER: That is right!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Resourcing of hotspots ...
[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: You said that.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... that is what he said, so now I
am telling him [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So, Madam Speaker, I am now
telling him where those hotspots are, and the hotspots are the areas that are
least resourced by the South African Police Services, the ANC led Minister
says they dropped the ball. They have absolutely dropped the ball. You need
statistics to make management decisions, and then resource where crime
hotspots are. They do not do that; they do exactly the opposite. By design. By
design they make the people who suffer the most under crime, they actually
give them the least resources, and I am not talking about the Province now, I
am only talking about the South African Police Services, and where those
decisions are made ... (intervention)

An HON MEMBER: So what is the solution [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and where those resources are put. [Interjections.] By design. This ANC run National Government does it by design.

So back to those numbers. We get rated across the board at over 100 deaths per 100,000 ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni, that is a running commentary, please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: At over 100 deaths per 100,000 when you average it out, and then we get measured against other crime hotspots and murder hotspots and murder hotspots around the world, but when you narrow it down then we are a mini war zone, and that mini war zone needs to use statistics and then make decisions based on those statistics so that we can get to a stage where we can make this a safer Western Cape. [Interjections.] We need a plan based on those statistics.

But then of course [Interjections.], let us talk about something else. Let us talk about when we address the issue of crime, it is in this regard that we get complaints like we are not doing anything about the situation. In fact, the recent opinion piece by the Turkey General himself, Mr Ebrahim “Brown Envelope” Rasool, really this is a whole lot of gobbledy gook from this turkey, because he says that over the last 10 years there was not a single attempt to explore the scope allowed by Section 26, which the hon Leader of the Opposition follows on directly.

An HON MEMBER: You do not even know [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But let us go and have a look what was done under that Section of the Constitution. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms P MAKELENI: What are the solutions?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Let us go – I will give you the solutions ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... just now.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister Winde, kindly take your seat, please. Hon member Makeleni, I have cautioned you. You are allowed to have interjections, but ongoing interjections actually become running commentary, and I am placing you on notice. Please be aware. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much. I will highlight one or two of those things that we deal with under Section 206, but I am sure the hon member Wenger will do it and if not, she has already done

it in answer to Mr Brown Envelope Turkey. [Interjections.]

We have, in truth the Western Cape is the only province to fully utilise the full extent of Section 206 of the Constitution. The Western Cape is the only province in the country that has created oversight legislation from Section 206 of the Constitution with our Community Safety Act. It's the only province that has established the police ombudsman; the only province that has got watching briefs, and so on and so forth. The Khayelitsha Commission that you speak about [Interjections.]... this province is the province that exercises its powers under that Section of the Constitution way better than any other province run by the ANC. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: What have you done about the outcomes of the Commission? [Interjections.] What have you done about the Commission's outcome? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: From day zero to mini war ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: But, Madam Speaker, let us talk about the real issues on statistics and how they are affecting the people of our province.

An HON MEMBER: Solutions, please. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The 2018 crime statistics reveal

that the Western Cape had a dire gang problem, with 83% of all gang-related murders in South Africa occurring in this province.

If we narrow those statistics down so that everyone in this House and watching outside, can understand what the impact of crime is on us as society in this province. 10 reported counts of murder every single day in this province.

Ms P MAKELENI: Ja, we know that, we need [Inaudible.].

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: 10 reported counts of attempted murder every single day in this province.

Ms P MAKELENI: What is the solution?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: 19 reports, accounts of sexual offences per day in this province; 116 reported counts of burglary in residential premises per day in this province; nine reported accounts of illegal possession of fire arms and ammunition in this province; 320 reported counts, and these are reported accounts of drug-related crimes per day. These are the statistics. I get a question about what is the plan? That is the exact question that has to be asked because we get the statistics exactly like we were given yesterday at the Safety Forum and we see exactly where those hotspots are and you overlay the resourcing ... [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: What about Dan's plan?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... by the National Government; you overlay the resourcing and it goes exactly back to what the hon Leader of the Opposition says: resourcing of hotspots is not by ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I did not say that nonsense!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: You did say it!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Do not ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Draw the Hansard.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Resourcing of hotspots is not by accident, it is by design. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It is by design. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, kindly take your seat.

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] if you cannot listen to me [Inaudible.].

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: [Inaudible.] Madam Speaker, I never said that nonsense he is saying I said ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I can read what I said; it is here in my speech.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat. [Interjections.] I will ... hon member Magaxa, I cannot comment on design. I will revert to Hansard, but I am requesting you to maintain your composure please, and accept ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: I want that promise, thank you.

The SPEAKER: I cannot promise you. I am saying I will go to Hansard and if indeed you said “design” or never said it, I will come back to the House.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Here, it is here. You see I can give it to you to read my speech ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... I never said that.

The SPEAKER: Okay, I am speaking. If you will allow me to finish. I have promised you that I will revert to Hansard and I will come back to the House [Interjections.]. Hon member Tyatyam, please stand. Please stand. [Interjections.] Hon member Tyatyam, you have consistently refused to obey my ruling on the same matter, effectively disregarding my authority to maintain order as required in terms of Rule 41.

So I am asking you in terms of Rule 41 to leave the Chamber, please. Thank you.

Mr S G TYATYAM: [Inaudible.] No-no-no-no. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I am not entertaining – take your seat ... [Interjections.]

Mr P UYS: But just explain to us what did he do?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, take your seat please!

Mr P UYS: What did he do, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Take your seat, please!

Mr P UYS: What did he do?

The SPEAKER: Take your seat!

Mr P UYS: No, you are rude.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Tyatyam, you are asked to leave the Chamber and not return for the rest of the day. Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker ... [Interjections.]

Mr S G TYATYAM: Madam Speaker, can I raise ... [Interjections.]

THE SPEAKER: Sergeant-at-Arms, can you kindly help the member?

[The hon member S G Tyatyam leaves the Chamber.]

The SPEAKER: May we proceed, hon members? Hon member Magaxa, you were on a point of order regarding the issue which the Minister has stated.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I just wanted clarity now in the light of you asking – can we be explained to as an Opposition ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I do not have to explain ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: ... to understand why ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, take your seat please. I have cautioned hon member Tyatyam; I have explained to him what interjections and running commentary means, and while I was standing he challenged by standing up. He should take his seat which he did not do, so I have asked him to leave the Chamber for the rest of the day. [Interjections.]

We will not continue [Interjections.] with the proceedings. You may proceed, Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The next point as raised was the one of the Anti-Gang Unit, and absolutely we applaud the bringing back of the Anti-Gang Unit, but you know what, members of this House, 10 years we have been asking for this Anti-Gang Unit, and you know the saddest part of all of this? [Interjections.] It is great that it is back [Interjections.], it is great that it is back but the saddest part is that 5,000 people had to lose their lives over that 10 year period to gang violence and crime. [Interjections.] 5,000 people, and that is totally unacceptable.

Also on numbers, and what we are doing. The questions was what are we doing.

So we have held this two day forum where we had a lot of discussion on numbers; we had a lot of discussion on partnerships. I have already said what has been done in this province on the back of the Section of the Constitution

and our own piece of legislation that we have passed, but what was put on the table was how firearms specifically, and the removal of firearms or the increase of firearms is directly related to murders.

Ms P MAKELENI: Is this the best you can do?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The other thing that was put on the table is the only real stat that can be trusted in our system is the stat of murders, because you can correlate murders with mortuary results and the two then will give you how accurate those statistics are. The other statistics are very difficult to manage, but linked to that, that statistic is the one around firearms. Assault with firearms, 100% increase in 2016, with doubling of firearms.

And so what we did yesterday, because we spoke about what are we doing, so yesterday we did a few things immediately. [Interjections.] Things that the Province can do. The first thing we did was we said in reducing firearms, and that is from the Safety Forum, but also when you walk the streets alongside our community watches, our neighbourhood watches, and you speak to people on the ground, they will tell you that they know who the perpetrators are, where those firearms are.

So we launched yesterday a reward system, an anonymous number that you will call to a senior official in the Department [Interjections.]. You will be able to tell us where that firearm is. The police will then be sent; General

Jula agreed to this; the police will be sent to collect that firearm. That firearm will then be investigated by the police, but once we have got that back, we will pay a R10,000 reward to that person who submitted that whereabouts of that firearm. [Applause.]

Because the statistics show us that the reduction in firearms ...
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Your time is up.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... will give a reduction in murders. [Interjections.]

What else are we doing, Madam Speaker, and perhaps just to read into the record, the number is 078 330 9333.

An HON MEMBER: Is it working?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: It will be working in another 24 hours. When I announced it, it said it will take 48 hours ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... for it to be in place.

An HON MEMBER: That number is not working.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: In another 24 hours. Please listen. [Interjections.]

The next thing that I want to talk about, Madam Speaker, is about what we are doing. [Interjections.] And I want ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Minister Winde, kindly take your seat. Hon members, there is too much noise. Interjections are allowed, but when too many people speak at the same time, it drowns out the speaker. Let display some respect and listen as I have asked for every speaker on the floor.

So please tone down. You may proceed, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Just tone down, the Bill is coming.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The point was made around Bambanani and it was made in this House and it was made by the President. [Interjections.] I asked the Minister about Bambanani, and this is going to be the real litmus test, because in no other province, I guarantee you, that the ANC would make a Bambanani allocation of R36 million, and allow that to be dispersed in a province without the province being involved.

An HON MEMBER: Who said that?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: We, without the Province being involved; the challenge put to the Minister at the Safety Forum was that I am very happy to be involved and we will decide how that money is spent. If it is spent otherwise ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You will decide?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... then it will be guaranteed to be the ANC's canvassing plan using taxpayers' money. [Interjections.] That is a guarantee.

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So if they do not consult the Province, it will be the plan to canvass their election.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Winde, please take your seat. There is an hon member on the floor. Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, is the Premier prepared to take a question?

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, that is [Interjections.] ... Sorry, sorry.
So – thank you. [Applause.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, not you, not you. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, that is not a point of order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Is the MEC prepared to take a question?

The SPEAKER: No, no, sorry, hon member Olivier ... [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Is the Premier a candidate?

The SPEAKER: [Laughing] That one failed badly.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: The time please. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: The Minister is not prepared to take a question. Thank you.
[Interjections.] Sorry, what is the time? If I could just check with the Table
staff? [Interjections.] You have 20 seconds left, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So
in closing, and I hope a little bit more than 20 seconds, I want to honour
today [Interjections.] ...

An HON MEMBER: Telephone line.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Nou is hy bang.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Now he is scared.] †Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you [Inaudible.]. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may proceed, Minister Winde.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is finished, okay?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So, Madam Speaker, in closing I want to honour today the men and women in our neighbourhood watches, the 17,000 men and women in our neighbourhood watches [Applause] that patrol our communities at night. I want to honour them because they are the real heroes in fighting crime and I will take to the next Cabinet meeting ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Winde. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You time is up, your time is up! [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: You may finish your sentence, Minister Winde.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: What are you complaining about? Your time is up.

The SPEAKER: You may finish your sentence ... [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I would like to ...[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: No, hon member Dyantyi, kindly take your seat.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER: No, kindly take your seat.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Madam Speaker, may I address you?

The SPEAKER: No-no, I am asking you to take your seat, please.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: May I address you? This is in the Rules. May I address you?

The SPEAKER: You may address me, but just let me clarify something.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Please.

The SPEAKER: When the hon member Magaxa's time ran up I said to him, "Your time is up." I could see from where I am sitting he had a half a page which he still read and I allowed him to finish his page. [Interjections.]

So I have asked the Minister to finish his sentence. I am trying to be consistent and fair. Thank you, hon member Dyantyi. [Interjections.] Hon member Magaxa, I did afford you extra time, thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: But it was not [Inaudible.] on me. It was just a sentence, please.

The SPEAKER: Okay. It is probably the big font. Thank you, hon member Magaxa, you may take your last, finish your sentence, Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So I will say again at the next Cabinet meeting we will take a document to Cabinet, where coming out of the Safety Forum we will resource those accredited neighbourhood watch systems and neighbourhood watches [Interjections.] that do not have torches and jackets and the wherewithal to carry out their job. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Winde. [Applause] [Interjections.] Order, please! We have hon member Joseph of the EFF on the floor. Welcome back, hon member Joseph. [Interjections.] You have two – order, please, hon members. Hon Premier, hon member Dugmore ... we have hon member Bernard Joseph on the floor please. Allow him to speak.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon members of the House that have a keen interest in addressing crime in this province, it is quite clear

that the DA and the Provincial Government of this province does have no clue in how to address crime. The first question that was posed to the Premier candidate of the DA was, “How will you address crime?” His first response, “I will respond in 100 days.” [Interjections.] It is quite clear there is no seriousness about addressing crime. [Interjections.]

Now to assist him and the person that likes to Google, as I have heard in this House, I would recommend him to the *Daily Maverick*, two articles that were read or written by the EFF member of this House. [Interjections.] That addressed two particular areas ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... to ensure that we can address crime. [Interjections.] The one is that the DA is playing politics while crime is roosting the Western Cape.

An HON MEMBER: Roosting?

Mr B D JOSEPH: Two, will the appointment of Alan Winde make any difference [Interjections.] in the Western Cape. It is quite clear – it is good if you have read it. Winde fail to inspire ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Excuse me, hon member Joseph ... [Interjections.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... and prove that his choice of being the Premier candidate was based on nothing but his race and the faction to which he belongs in the DA. [Interjections.] The answer from Winde indicates to the people of the Western Cape ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: There is no hope [Inaudible.].

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... and in particular the Cape Flats, the DA score constituency just how out of touch the DA's Premier candidate is with one of the biggest issues facing the province at the moment. Winde has served ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph ... [Interjections.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... in the Provincial Cabinet ...

The SPEAKER: Sorry, hon member Joseph, may I address you? Your time has expired, but I will allow you to finish, but you have been away for such a long time you have forgotten to say "hon Winde", and "hon members". We do not just refer to each other by name; it is "hon" is you do not mind. You may continue.

An HON MEMBER: It is a big issue.

Mr B D JOSEPH: My apologies.

An HON MEMBER: He forgot.

Mr B D JOSEPH: I am just wondering, now that I am looking at you ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr B D JOSEPH: ... were you the one on the social media that was crawling up the stairs? [Interjections.] Let us not forget through that that the person who is responsible for the Western Cape being declared the murder capital province of South Africa, is the one that [Interjections.] has just been given the plum job of the Mayor of Cape Town.

Dan Plato has been a monumental failure in building community networks ...

[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Joseph, I must inform you that your time has now expired. Your two minutes are up and beyond. Thank you, take your seat please. [Interjections.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: Okay, thank you.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Wenger.

An HON MEMBER: Let us hear.

Ms M M WENGER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Crime statistics are a measure of police performance. It is what we use to measure whether the police are fulfilling its mandate of preventing, combatting and investigating crime, maintaining public order and protecting the inhabitants of the Republic and their property.

Statistics are important because they help us to identify ... [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!]

Ms M M WENGER: ... problem areas and [Interjections.] to understand where crime is taking place. They help us to figure out how important things might be and provide support for or against laws, and they give us insight into what works and what doesn't work in crime prevention.

An HON MEMBER: You already said that.

Ms M M WENGER: Hon member Winde has already spoken about the dire statistics in the last financial year, in addition that 36% ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Nkondlo ...

Ms M M WENGER: ... of all drug-related crime in this country takes place in the Western Cape, and our Province is sadly responsible for more than half of

the 30 top stations for the highest counts of contact-related crime. We are also responsible for the biggest increase in cases of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, and in cases of drug-related crime which had a 9% increase year on year, and our murder rate increased by 12,6%. We also know that convictions for gang-related murders are at a very low 3%.

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Ms M M WENGER: These statistics then, as a measure, reflect very poorly on the police and their performance.

So it is important that we dwell on why this is. It may have something to do with the fact that policing is operating in the dark ages.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh!

Ms M M WENGER: The SAPS does not have a digital dispatch system ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: It is [Inaudible.] allegation, nè?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

Ms M M WENGER: ... while companies around the world know exactly where their fleet is at any moment. SAPS, by contrast, have no idea where

their vehicles are, and are unable to intelligently deploy vehicles to scenes for crime and crime prevention. [Interjections.] Technology could be better used to fight crime and ensure lower crime statistics.

Perhaps, Madam Speaker, it is the lack of resources which I have spoken about repeatedly in this House. As our population grows how can the police, serving our population, be shrinking? Over the last five years we have 4,229 less police working in our communities.

The critical level of manpower shortages is reaching crisis levels, and it is borne out by these statistics.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You said that before.

Ms M M WENGER: Mr Rasool would be hard-pressed to explain why the ANC kept the Anti-Gang Unit shut down for 20 years after convicted Jackie Selebe shut them down, and then all of a sudden six months before an election the Gang Unit reappears. Where was the ANC over the last 10 years when 5,000 people died because of gang-related crime? And where was the ANC ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is a pity [Inaudible.].

Ms M M WENGER: ... National Government when – why is the ANC National Government ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You should have known about those things.

Ms M M WENGER: ... that runs the police give the rest of the country one police officer ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: So what do you do?

Ms M M WENGER: ... for every 369 citizens.

An HON MEMBER: Complain, complain.

Ms M M WENGER: ... but only give the Western Cape one police officer for every 509 citizens.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms M M WENGER: Why does the ANC National Government ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You stand for elections [Inaudible.].

Ms M M WENGER: ... give Delft only one police officer for 642 citizens, but gives Camps Bay one for every 121 citizens? [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Where is your solution?

Ms M M WENGER: Will hon member Magaxa [Interjections.] ...

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms M M WENGER: ... really stand here and tell us that we have enough police? Will the hon Leader of the Opposition tell the family of the warrant officer who was the only officer on duty because of the police shortage [Interjections.], he was shot and killed so that robbers could steal guns from the police station; will he tell that officer's family that there are enough police? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ask the Premier.

Ms M M WENGER: But perhaps, Madam Speaker, the poor statistics are as a result of the police themselves. The IPID annual report notes that in our province there were 75 deaths in the last year that were linked directly to the police. 18 died in police custody and 57 police died as a result of police action. This means the number of people who have died as a direct result of the police, have more than doubled in the Western Cape in the last two years.

The annual report also notes that there were 20 cases of rape by police officials, and three rapes in police custody, when the victim was in the care of the police.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Blame the ANC there.

Ms M M WENGER: The very people entrusted to keep us safe ...
[Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Blame the ANC as well.

Ms M M WENGER: ... became the perpetrators ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi

Ms M M WENGER: ... of the most heinous crimes. The most number of rape cases against police have been recorded in the Free State and the Western Cape, and nationally, according to the IPID annual report, death as a result of police action included seven innocent bystanders who were shot dead with police service firearms, and 18 deaths of people who were struck by police vehicles, and eight deaths, including one by suffocation, recorded during police crowd management cases.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And your point is?

Ms M M WENGER: Or perhaps, Madam Speaker, the reason is because of corruption. The IPID recently released an explosive report in which it is believed that corrupt Crime Intelligence operatives plundered R150 million in State funds in an attempt to influence the ANC's 53rd and 54th ...
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Conference.

Ms M M WENGER: ... elective conferences in favour of Jacob Zuma.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Asseblief!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh please!]

[The Deputy Speaker takes the Chair]

Ms M M WENGER: In colluding with corrupt private sector suppliers, Crime Intelligence was willing to meddle in the ANC's own internal elective processes. [Interjections.] Police meddling in politics is something that should never ever be tolerated in a democratic nation. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is what [Inaudible.] you are doing.

Ms M M WENGER: The Western Cape's own former Provincial Police Commissioner, along with two brigadiers, faced 109 charges of corruption, racketeering and money laundering ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ... involving ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms M M WENGER: ... R1.6 million.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if we wish the crime statistics to improve we need to fix the police so that this essential service is ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Freeze their [Inaudible.].

Ms M M WENGER: ... able to deliver on its mandate. If it were able to deliver on its mandate, we certainly would not have the disturbing statistics that we do. [Interjections.]

Rooting out corruption from the police must be a top priority, because in doing so citizens will have access to honest and professional policing as they so deserve. Thank you. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible solutions.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member Christians. [Interjections.]
Order! Order! Hon member Christians, you may continue.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, after being in government for almost 10 years, continuously blaming the National Government for the increasing crime in the Western Cape, the newly appointed Minister of Community Safety, Alan Winde, suddenly have a lightbulb moment and calls for a two day conference to discuss a safer province with all the role-players,

including the Premier, the National Minister and Police Commissioner.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Vreet hulle, man! Vreet hulle!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Chew them man! Chew them!]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is 10 years too late. This initiative had to be done 10 years ago. According to the latest crime statistics, the Western Cape is in chaos and a mini war is breaking out in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] The people of this province are not safe under the DA Government. I said in this House and I will say it again: the DA must govern and stop complaining. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Ja, exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Do you want to change your role to become the Opposition? Then you do that.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I can assure you when the ACDP is in government we will sort out crime in the Western Cape in no time. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The DA must really learn how to govern ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.] Order! Allow the hon member to continue by himself. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA must really learn how to govern and take responsibility and refrain from playing the blame-game. Communities want answers.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, in the latest crime statistics the Western Cape has got the highest number in child murders. In today's paper it is reported that tears flowed as parents started testifying at the two day unofficial public inquiry into child killings in the Western Cape; claiming that their pleas for help fell on deaf ears. [Interjections.]

It is further reported that the NGO unsuccessfully lobbied Premier Helen Zille to launch an official inquiry. According to the paper Premier Helen Zille said that inquiry will be too costly. One of the mothers testified ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: One of the mothers testified ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... and said ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, your time has expired. Just finish your sentence.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... “This commission of inquiry is important because nobody wants to listen to us. We are mothers, our children have been murdered.”

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member ... [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: ... your time has expired.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Mooi, mooi, mooi! [Applous.]

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Good, good, good! [Applause.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Before I see the Minister of Health, I want the House to come to order. Minister Mbombo.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And will you please tell us what is happening in Khayelitsha.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Hon Premier, Mr Deputy Speaker, members of

the House, guests in the gallery, the members of the media. Thank you for choosing this topic.

Crime affects all societies. It occurs amongst the rich, among the poor, in the suburbs as well as in the township. Serious and violent crimes are reported in most newspapers almost on a daily basis. We attend funerals and bury people because of the crime, and there is no single satisfactory answer as to the causes of crime, and its impact on the economy and the lives of the people.

Hon members, within the health system we feel the impact crime has on our services. The health system is already under pressure and overbearing, and is hard-hit by the levels of crime we find in our communities. The national crime stats released in September reveals that residents within the Western Cape are exposed to dangerous high levels of crime, specifically those related to interpersonal violence.

The health system is the recipient of all this incidents of crimes. The sharp increase in the interpersonal violence cases negatively impact on the services, because interpersonal violence actually is a major contributor to the pressures we feel within our emergency centres, which causes quite a lot of delays in the treatment of many elective procedures.

Patients require emergency treatment as a result of violent injury often take preference as they often present to EC in a state of emergency as red patients.

Hon members, we also experience pressures on other service platforms such as emergency medical services, where life-threatening emergencies cause long waiting times for other patients. Our EM staff are also victims of many violent crimes and are attacked by criminals whilst they are in the execution of their duties.

These violent attacks correspond within the areas where actually there is a high crime rate, specifically in the gang related area. For example, from January to May this year we had 12 attacks on emergency medical workers, including robberies, physical and verbal attacks, and also on the stoning of the ambulances.

Whilst a number of measures have been implemented in response to this, for example, in the event of an EMS vehicle or staff is attacked in a particular area, it would be declared a red zone; no EMS vehicle or staff will go into the area without a police escort. This actually unfortunately results in the delayed response times and delayed emergency medical care in the area, and then this also affects the most ones who are vulnerable.

The crime impacts actually also affect other services. The forensic pathology services, forensic investigations for murder cases result in a long waiting of routine cases due to a high number of compulsory autopsies. The two FP Centres, Salt River and Tygerberg, for example, are getting most of the frantic calls from families who want to lay their loved ones to rest, but due to the nature of autopsies to be conducted we often find delays within the

routine cases.

Our primary health care facilities also experience pressure such as long waiting times and are negatively affected by crime. This impacts on the clinics, because gang violence continuously flares up, which results in the closure of the facilities. For example, we have seen the closure of the Hanover Park emergency, the CHC; Hout Bay that also has to be closed sometimes because of the violence, and today I have been on the phone. We have closed all five of the facilities in Saldanha Bay. Diazville Clinic has been set alight. This cannot go on, because at the end this affects the most vulnerable: the women and the children; and these are the ones who need these services mostly.

Hon members, the violent crime stats reflected in the national stats, for example, shows that there has been a steep rise in the gunshot wounds and the stabbings within our facilities. Just to make an example of all those, these areas where we have got a high precinct in terms of the murders is when we have seen a lot of pressure.

- Khayelitsha District Hospital, for example, has an average of 180 to 230 gunshots and stab wounds per month.
- Delft Community Health Centre we see 181 gunshots up to 1,500 stab wounds during the time that this crime has been reported.
- Retreat Community Health Centre, 174 gunshots and 686 stabbings.
- Gugulethu Community Health Centre, 162 gunshots.

- Victoria Hospital, 129 gunshot wounds and 259 stabbings.
- Red Cross Hospital, 17 gunshot wounds and 8 stabbings.

But noting that in the last reporting time crime stats, we have seen an increase in the number of children who died, but you must know that any crime that is being reported, any death from the crime, related to the crime, it becomes our problem, because all of them they have to go to our state mortuaries.

- Mitchells Plain, which has been found that nationally it has got more of the attempted murder cases, according to the crime stats, we have seen in the Mitchells Plain Hospital 110 gunshot wounds and 398 stabbings that we see per month.
- Mitchells Plain Community Health Centre, 129 gunshot wounds and 725 stabbings and assaults.
- Hanover Park Community Health Centre, 15 gunshot wounds, 1,629 stabbings.
- Kraaifontein Community Health Centre, 79 gunshot wounds, 1,000 stab wounds.

I can list as many as I can ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... but what is important is that every crime

that is happening... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... be it a murder, be it an attempted murder, it is all absorbed by Health, because if it is a murder it means they have to go to the mortuary, it means more health services, forensic services for us.

Therefore that is why we welcome the additional policing resources recently launched in communities ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: And you think that is the solution, nè?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... where violent crime ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No ways.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... is the highest. Communities, Government and civil society further need to continue fostering a whole of society approach towards to reduce the harms associated with social ills, specifically alcohol and substance abuse.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is it.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Ideally ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which you can deal with.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Ideally, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly!

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... this should have been an apolitical debate because we are talking about the lives of the people. We are talking about how crime impacts on the ordinary people, the poor. We are talking about how crime, for example, has contributed to where most of the facilities have to stop working.

In the Gugulethu where criminals ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member, your time has expired, but you may continue. Finish off your last sentence.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: ... come and rob the staff at gunpoint whilst they are being taken care of.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you very much. [Applause]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You just gave us a [Inaudible.].

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Lekker.

†UNksz P Z LEKKER: Enkosi, Sekela-Somlomo. [Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.] From Bird Island to Cape Town everybody has come to accept that crime is not a responsibility of police alone. [Interjections.] The Provincial Government and the community have an important role to play to ensure safety of the community.

Crime stats and its impact on the province is also the fault of the Provincial Government as it can also be blamed on the police. Today the defenders of apartheid are denying that poor infrastructure in the Cape Flats is to be blamed for high crime ...

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Which is the main cause.

Ms P Z LEKKER: ... in the province.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Exactly!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Had we had enough CCTV cameras in the Cape Flats and accessibility in the informal settlement, we would maybe had a better crime stats in the province.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Cameras do not work. No lights.

Ms P Z LEKKER: Dan Plato created the mess over the 10 years. It was a period where crime fighting structures were attacked by the Provincial

Government.

MEC Winde, Premier wannabe, your predecessor now stand in Mayor of Cape Town, Dan Plato, was a disaster in this portfolio. We can only hope you have something better to offer, but what we came to accept is that you have been installed in this position to increase your popularity. That is why on 26 November the DA will announce a R26 million hon member Winde slush fund.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Yes. [Laughter.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: For you and the DA crime is a ticket for electioneering.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Julle is uitgevang.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: You have been caught out.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: We reject the hon member Winde slush fund. Stop playing politics with the lives of the people. We must commend the President Cyril Ramaphosa and Minister Bheki Cele for their splendid job they are doing to fight crime in the province.

The launch of the Anti-Gang Unit as well Operation Thunder is welcomed as an intervention. The commitment to re-establish the Bambanani against crime must stay as in yesterday.

For the first time in years the people of the Cape Flats can walk and play freely on the street, all thanks to the intervention by the National Government.

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

Ms P Z LEKKER: All these interventions have dashed the plans to use fear of crime to score cheap political points. Now out of panic they have introduced the slush fund, the Winde slush fund to counter the work of the Minister in the province.

These slush funds will rob the poor who do not have quality services in hospital, in the informal settlement and other services. Premier Hopeful, your predecessor has left much to be desired, but to be fair to him, let us look at your tenure at Economic Opportunities, which comprise of Agriculture, Tourism and Economic Development. [Interjections.]

At Agriculture you left behind a corporate governance mess. Your Department failed and is still failing to submit two years of annual reports. The Auditor-General has made findings against you and your Department.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Shame on you! Shame on you!

Ms P Z LEKKER: Annually it has been reported that 20,000 families are evicted from farms in the cold rainy winter. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Hon member Dyantyi, please. Just one second. Hon Minister Winde.

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: I know I am not supposed to say a lie, but I am able to say an untruth.

An HON MEMBER: On what point are you raising?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: The two annual reports have been settled and have been dealt with in this House ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: So that is an untruth [Interjections.] ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY: ... and that is my point of order. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Minister Winde. [Interjections.] Order! It is a nice – order! It is a nice try, but that is not a point of order. [Interjections.] Point ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Nice try.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: Many of evictions come with an unfair dismissal from employment from employers who are white. Whites own 72% of farms in the Western Cape; Coloureds make up 50% of the population in the province; and only 15% of farms; and Africans only own 1% of farms in the province.

This is your legacy at Economic Opportunities. You are not fit and proper to be MEC, and you are not a suitable candidate for Community Safety, not the Province. You bring failed government, lack of transformation, Day Zero which is back in March 2019, and no leadership skills to Community Safety. You are indeed a burden for this portfolio. You are an MEC facing alleged corruption, maladministration and other criminal charges.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. One section. Chief Whip?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You had your chance. [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: Ja, thanks.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, the topic is crime statistics and the

impact in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] Where is the relevance in what she is saying? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I am listening carefully. The hon member may continue.

Ms M N GILLION: What is your point?

An HON MEMBER: The hon member.

An HON MEMBER: You offered absolutely nothing. [Interjections.]

Ms P Z LEKKER: The charges that are relating to Knysna tourism. How can a person involved in misuse of millions of public funds on illegal tourism companies be appointed as MEC of Community Safety? The Hawks are coming for you, my friend.

On a more positive note, I would also like to welcome the President of the ANC and South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa's recent launch of the Anti-Gang Unit in Cape Town, together with the Police Minister, Bheki Cele. The Anti-Gang Unit has been in operation from 8 October 2018; deployed in Nyanga Cluster, Bonteheuwel, Bishop Lavis; the Unit will continue to be in full operation in the Peninsula area until communities in the greater Western Cape experience a return to normality.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dankie, Ramaphosa!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, Ramaphosa!]

Ms P Z LEKKER: There has already been gains made, residents of East Ridge and Mitchells Plain recently celebrated publicly when a gangster was arrested. People are speaking out in public and walking through their communities, which were previously under siege.

The question then arises: where was the DA's Metro Police or Provincial Government's Community Safety Department? They were playing video games with people's lives, with the shot spotter. The Western Cape needs experienced officers on the ground; not PlayStation like technology in leafy suburbs of Cape Town.

Taxi violence has also reduced significantly. Operation Thunder, which was launched by Minister Cele in May 2018 has shown real results. In May the Minister said within the weeks tactical response teams and tracking teams would be deployed in the medium to high risk tactical intelligence operated, dedicating to fight cash in transit heists, armed robberies, murder, taxi violence and political killings. Well done to SAPS and their Western Cape counterparts. We are seeing results and witnessing less police killings this year. This should be welcomed across the board.

The DA tried to own community initiative like the Walking Bus; the programme was not well supported by the DA. They tried to bring people in

under misrepresentation and remunerating them. Subsequently by not doing so members left this initiative. Have the DA been honest, requested volunteers honestly, this programme would have been very successful. The ANC calls for the return of the Bambanani, which united police and community members, where both stakeholders owned community safety.

Crime stats of the Western Cape compared nationally is bad. The Nyanga Police Station had a recorded number of murders with a total of 308 reported between April 2017 and March 2018. This was 27 more murders, which is 9.6% than during the previous financial year. Philippi in the Western Cape had 205 murders; Gugulethu, Khayelitsha and Delft Station also made it into the top 10.

The Western Cape should only be leading with Idols winners; we should not be leading the murder rates year on year. In South Africa the DA should deal with the socio-economic conditions to prevent the high levels of crime in the Province. I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Baie mooi! [Applous.] Mooi man.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Very good! [Applause] Good, man.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The hon member Mnqasela.

An HON MEMBER: Well said!

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you very much. What I need to state right from the outset is that we are dealing with these two documents. This is the Constitution of South Africa. Section 206 [Interjections.] states clearly what are the responsibilities of a provincial government and what are the responsibilities of a national government, read together with this document which is the Provincial Constitution of the Western Cape, Section 66, Section 67 and Section 68, read together with this book. They say clearly what the responsibilities of a provincial government are in terms of policing, that is monitoring, overseeing the performance and looking at capacity, filling – the issues of encouraging police to do their job and holding police accountable. [Interjections.]

But it is clear, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are sitting here with an Opposition that has not done its homework, an Opposition that fails to do its job of holding the Government here accountable; an Opposition, for instance you have got hon member Lekker who stood up and said the Delft and the Bellville ranks were closed by Operation Thunder. There was no Operation Thunder when hon Donald Grant declared those two ranks closed and they were closed within three working days. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Within three working days. Hon members, because I am not allowed to say they are lying ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: Hon members, do not come and tell untruths in this Parliament. It is not good to do that. [Interjections.]

Now hon Magaxa said to us here – and by the way, what hon Magaxa did not do, which I think is a problem on that side, they should have consulted with each other because hon Olivier did not put to debate here. Apparently he told them in the caucus that he has confidence that hon Winde will win the elections next year. [Interjections.] [Applause.] And now he stands up and says ‘by the way, do not refer to him as the candidate, he is the Premier’.

And that is what we have, we have a Premier candidate and a Premier-in-waiting. You had no candidate there, no leadership, no chairperson, no nothing! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr M MNQASELA: The reality here on facts, when I heard hon Joseph speaking, I got worried and I actually ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. One second please, hon member. Order! Hon Nkondlo, Olivier, Dijana, please calm down. Allow the hon member to proceed. Hon member, you may continue.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, hon members, we must feel sorry for hon Joseph. You see he has also gone, he is an absent member. He could not have done justice to this debate. It was not fair for the EFF to ask him to speak but because he is the only member, he represents 100% of his caucus. So he could not say anything, no substance because the EFF itself needs to be helped and prevented from being a crime-ridden party and a violent party that fights in the legislatures in this country. [Interjections.]

Now let me come to the issue of social environment because crime is measured in many ways but one of them is the measure of the social environment, that is a fact. But the Auditor-General of South Africa, in his general report, had this to say last year. He said, Mr Deputy Speaker, the Western Cape is the hope for South Africa. He said the Western Cape is the place where you find municipalities that are able to deliver better and quality services to the people of this province. [Applause.] And he said South Africa would be worse off without this province.

So we are part of this country. Do not isolate us. The National Minister of Police must be provincial, must be a Minister of Police for this province, as much as he is the Minister of Police for the rest of the provinces in this country.

Ms P MAKELENI: Do not isolate us.

Mr M MNQASELA: Hon member Christians - I think, Mr Deputy Speaker, it

is a worrisome situation. He has been sitting in that portfolio, that Standing Committee on Community Safety for almost five years but he learnt nothing and the problem is that we are sitting with students who do not read and do their school work, then they come and perform dismally here in this Parliament. We cannot do anything to teach him, no workshop can help him. The ACDP must bring somebody else here. [Interjections.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, in this province in fact ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: In this province we have done everything under the sun to ensure we provide an environment for all people in this province to enjoy a safer living environment. This Premier Helen Zille, what she did with the game-changers, for the first time hon Helen Zille said there must be a game-changer that deals with gangs, alcohol and harms reduction. Where were you? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: When you governed you did nothing of that sort.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr M MNQASELA: You stole money and did nothing but you failed.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: The DA will govern next year. Thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The hon member's time has also expired. That brings us to the end of the debate on this topic. The Secretary will read the first order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

1. Consideration and Finalisation of the Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill [B 1B–2018]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon member Kivedo. [Applause.] Order, order! Allow him one second to find the speech.

†Mnr B D KIVEDO: Agb Adjunkspeaker, Premier, Leier van die Opposisie, ondersteunende personeel, geagte geëerde gaste in die galery en dan ook die lede van die media.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr B D KIVEDO: Hon Deputy Speaker, Premier, Leader of the Opposition, support staff, honourable guests in the gallery and then also the members of the media.]

Mr Deputy Speaker, on 18 October 2018 this Standing Committee on Education in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament met to finalise and adopt the Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill B1/2018.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the adoption of the Bill is an immense milestone for the education sector in this province, definitely an immense milestone, I repeat. [Interjections.] This is a pro-poor piece of legislation which will go a long way to ensure that our young people are educated in a way that enables them to meaningfully contribute to society by either taking up employment in areas where we need skills or become self-employed. [Interjection.]

As part of its constitutional responsibilities the Standing Committee on Education conducted an extensive public participation process from 19 June to 21 August 2018.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The public rejected it.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Furthermore, members of the public were also granted the opportunity to make written submissions by no later than 24 August 2018.

In light of the proposals made in the Bill, which seek to amend aspects of the Western Cape Provincial School Education Act 12 of 1997, a balanced and holistic approach was applied before the Bill was finally adopted after months of consultation between various stakeholders in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the public participation process included both oral and written submissions. These were carefully analysed and considered. I repeat, these were carefully analysed and considered to ensure that the Bill acts in the best interests of the residents in the province.

Ms M N GILLION: [Inaudible.]

Mr B D KIVEDO: The ever-growing gap between the educational resources of poorer and wealthier schools, and I give one example, is one of the key reasons for the collaboration schools model. Funding from public sources is simply not enough to address the income gap between these schools and funding from private sources is the only available source of funding left to utilise.

I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. [Applause.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb Olivier?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Olivier?]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want, from the onset, to be on record that this is one of most ill-considered Bills that I have ever seen in my life. I just want it to be on record.

Ms M N GILLION: That is [Inaudible.] bad Premier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: When you do not know what to do, and that is the call that I have been making all the time that I have been here, that once you have an MEC that does not know what to do, you get such Bills. Let me start by saying we went to public participation ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: If anybody else in this ... [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: You are out of order ... [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: We went to public participation and found that in your own list of speakers the Chairperson of the committee got four minutes to speak and a person who is not a member, who has been chairing that committee for some time now in the presence of the Chairperson, got 10 minutes. That clearly indicates to you what is happening there, that the Chairperson who is supposed to be able to talk about this Bill here, was sidelined by being given four minutes and hon member Botha, who has been controversial in this process for some time, got 10 minutes. And we know why, because she has been supporting this Bill.

Now this is what they are supporting, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I am not going to veer from my speech. This is what they are supporting. They are supporting a situation where alcohol, and this is the controversial one, alcohol which is supported by that Premier anyway, that alcohol be taken

away from shebeens and schools be created shebeens and that this is the Shebeen Bill that we are looking at today. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R T OLIVIER: Premier Helen Zille ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: One second. hon Premier?

The PREMIER: The member is fundamentally misleading the House and I am not going to sit here and allow untruths ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The PREMIER: ... to be told in this House where we all know what the facts are.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is not a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon Dyantyi, I can rule on that. It is quite correct, it is not an order point but the point has been made. Hon Member, you may continue.

Mr C M DUGMORE: On a point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On a point of order? Yes, hon Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: My point of order is in terms of the ruling that you have just made, where you have clarified that the statements by hon member Olivier do not constitute, or that the hon Premier's attempt to construe that as misleading is not a point of order; in terms of that ruling could we ask you, Mr Deputy Speaker, to actually communicate that ruling directly and in writing to all hon members because there is a tendency in this House with the Premier in particular, when she disagrees with something, a viewpoint, tries to regard that as ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... misleading the House. So can you please communicate your ruling effectively because the hon Premier continually wants to imply that if somebody disagrees, it is misleading the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have made your point. My ruling will be in Hansard. What I am saying here will be printed in Hansard and I have said it many times before, when you get up on a so-called point of order, to point out something is misleading, it is not a point of order. Points of order refer to the procedures of the House and I want to appeal to the House on both sides not to use that avenue. Please continue, hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Alcohol Bill was rejected during our public participation process right across our region ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Order! Hon member Mitchell?

Mr D G MITCHELL: Yes, I am rising because the hon member is referring to this Bill as the Alcohol Bill. [Interjections.] It is not. That is deliberately misleading the public. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, members. He is not referring to the Bill by its proper name. I am not going to rule that out of order. It is a way of saying it in a different way to the Bill, but the point is taken.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, it spain me to stand in this august House and try to reason with this regime led by Premier Helen Zille who wants to bring alcohol to schools: Section 45(b). I want to refer you to that section, hon Premier, where you are supporting that Alcohol Bill which your Cabinet has approved. So that is why I am calling it an Alcohol Bill. It will remain an Alcohol Bill because we are creating shebeens out of schools and this is what pains me, to come and argue this point in this House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please talk through, please speak through the Chair, please.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second. Hon member Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is on application. The member is misleading the House. [Interjections.] You must read it properly, it is on application. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Joseph, I have just ruled on that, not to use spurious opportunities to raise points of order. Order! Hon Olivier, please continue and speak through the Chair.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am sure you have now ruled almost four times on this issue and I think this is now deliberate to ensure that we do not deal with the issue. But I think the issue, I have been part of this Bill since the start of this process. I am sure someone that has not read this Bill might be Minister – uh, uh ... what is your surname?

An HON MEMBER: Chair Mnqasela.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ja, I am sure he is the one that has not read this Bill. But Mr Deputy Speaker, it pains us as the African National Congress to stand here and argue this issue of this Bill, a Bill that brings alcohol to schools, a Bill that is privatising powers of governing bodies to the private sector, who gives money to schools ... [Interjections.] which is the DA, which is a 50/50. You do not have to ... [Interjections.]

The PREMIER: [Inaudible.] Ignorant!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, really?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker, please can we deal ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, please continue. I will protect you. Order!
Your own members are also not assisting here.

Mr R T OLIVIER: It is unfortunate, Mr Deputy Speaker, that a leader which
should lead by example, the Premier ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... is reacting in that ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It was by way of interjection.

Mr R T OLIVIER: So how can such a Premier ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please continue.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... bring alcohol to the schools.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: They are bringing them ... [indistinct]

Mr R T OLIVIER: The Standing Committee, Chairperson, on the date that the Chair has raised, gave the green light to this Bill, which is shocking – gave a green light to this Bill which says: bring alcohol to our schools. It is shocking, Mr Deputy Speaker, to say the least.

What this means is that the public hearings that were conducted were just a check box because the public, in its majority during our public hearings, rejected this with contempt. They rejected it and, Mr Deputy Speaker, the only people that support this Bill are those written submissions from your Model C schools and the reason therefore is because they are already – and it is by admittance of the hon Premier – illegally using this at schools. Now they correct it by another illegal process, by saying it is fine, because you are doing it, let us formalise it.

Will we see the formalisation of drugs at school as well? Maybe we will get such a Bill from the Minister because those are the Bills that she brings along. Will we get Bills which almost formalise Tik at school? Will we get a Bill that formalises bullying at school, because this Bill, Mr Deputy Speaker, I must tell you, let me tell you what Bill should have been in front of us. It is your learners that walk to school, I would have welcomed such a Bill, that we deal with those issues. The issue of transformation at Model C schools, that is the Bill – if she wants us to propose Bills, that is something that she should bring.

It has shown its head over the past few days. At Rustenburg Girls' School

we saw a constructive dismissal, according to them, of one of our teachers, an African teacher ... [Interjections.] because we know what is happening there and the cabal is also there. The leader of the National DA, his wife is there, so what the Premier – not Helen but Winde, also as a governing body member, this is what they bring to us. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr B D KIVEDO: So, Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Just one second. Hon Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, the relevance of this is in question here. We are speaking about a Bill. He is talking about Rustenburg High School. [Interjections.] He is talking about the Leader of the DA's children. It has nothing to do with the Bill. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: So I bring to the House the rule relating to relevance.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, you will get to the contents of the Bill. Please continue. [Interjections.]

†UMnu R T OLIVIER: Sekela-Somlomo, lo mntu ingathi uzawuxhuma oko

ngoba usekwidespensation endala yonke into ebuhlungu iyamxhumisa usekwidespensation endala. Siyamazi wayekwi-order endala. Apha into esiyikhalazelayo sikhazela ukuba izikolo zethu zitshintshwe zenziwe iisheebeens, andizuyijika le nto ndiyithethato izikolo zethu uMEC kuba engayazi into amakayenze uzisa utywala ezikolweni zethu.

Okwesibini, Sekela-Somlomo into esiyikhalazelayo kule bill kunjani unike abantu ngoba beneengxowa ezinkulu zemali ubanike babe na-50/50 sitting on the governing body bangaphi abantwana babo ezikolweni ukuba bona babe nalo ngqalelo ukuba babe ne50% sitting on the governing body, sithi lo nto isilidela kwinto yokuba siprivatiza izikolo zoluntu sizenza ukuba ipublic domain ibe yidomain yabo baneengxowa ezinkulu zemali. Sithi ke thina sicinga ukuba uMthetho kaNational, sithi asizuwamkela lo mthetho ngenxa yeso sizathu. Sesesibini eso sizathu, esesithathu isizathu sithi ngoba bathe mandiye kwibill mos ndibona apha kufakwe i-evaluation board xa uyijonga i-evaluation authority apha kuthiwa iqeshwa nguMphathiswa. UMphathiswa is a political head yale department kutheni eza kumendlisha kwii-administrative processes a-appointe abantu abaza kwenza i-evaluation ezikolweni ungubani ngoba uyipolitical head yale department nje, kutheni lo nto ingatshintshwa yenziwe yi_HOD bathi xa bethetha kule bill ischool evaluation authority must be independent, must be credible, accountable, open and transparent but when you look at the first point the Minister appointed the evaluation authority, the Chief Evaluator. She is the political head but she appointed the Chief Evaluator that must run izikolo sithi lo nto iwrongo.

Kukho ii-agreements nelabour unions angafuni ukuyilandela echaza iduplication yezinto ezenzekayo. Okwesithathu, mandibuyele back kule ye-establishment ye-intervention facilities, sithi kuphindelwa kweza ndlela zakudala ukuba xa kungekho idiscipline bathathwe basiwe ezindaweni bayohoywa baphinde babuye for unyaka siyayazi iza kwenza ntoni lo nto bazakunika oobhuti babo imali hambani niyo-runner eza facilities siyayibuza ke thina icosting yale nto kutheni ingachazwa kule bill siyazi xa kuza kwenziwa intervention facilities kufuneka kube nezakhiwo nendawo, kufuneka kube neseperate facilities ube nootitshala abaza kuhoya ababantwana, ivelaphi lo mali ngoba izikolo ziyawa ngoku yeyona nto besifuna ibill ize nayo ukuba izikolo nizilungisa ngoluphi uhlobo izikolo ziyawa asinamali yokulungisa infrastructure yezikolo asinamali yokulungisa izikolo, abantwana bethu baya-walker ukubheka ezikolweni ibill uMEC ebemele ukuba uze nayo usiphathela utywala siyayazi ukuba siyasela. Ingxaki bebethetha nge-crime ngoku uMEC we-Health ebesichazela iingxaki abazifumana ezibhedlele abantu bayahlabana bayadubulana, utywala is a contributing factor kodwa ngoku izibhedlele zigcwala yilo nto ngoku nithi let's bring the army, kodwa nithi masize notywala ezikolweni. What do we do? What is the relevance of that?

Yintoni le nto this is a clear contravention of law, exactly ngoba nithi nifuna ukulwa indima yotywala kodwa niyabuthatha niza nabo ezikolweni, it's a disgrace lena ibill bendicinga ukuba nimoshe imali yeState aniyazi kutheni le bill iselapha ngoba uMEC akananto ayaziyo kule department bekumele ukuba umke kudala apha kule department akanyo tu icare ezona zinto ekufuneka

zize apha akazi nazo. Okukogqibela Speaker because andifuni kumosha ixesha lam kule nto andinalo ixesha lotywala sisokoliswa ziidrugs, sisokoliswa yidagga ezikolweni sisokoliswa ngabantwana ababetha ootitshala, azikho iibill ezilolo hlobo now kuthiwa abantu mabeze ezikolweni nozokonwaba nisele ninxile nibethe ootitshala nabantu bonke iza nale DA sisatsho ke thina sithi sizawuxhasa imibutho ezawubheka ezinkundleni siza kuhamba nayo siyi ANC siyixhase noba siyixhase ngaluphi na uhlobo ngoba le into asizuyiyeka inje ngoba le into asiboni ukuba ingakwazi ukunikwa abantu beWestern Cape.

[Translation of isiXhosa paragraphs follow.]

[Mr R T OLIVIER: Mr Deputy Speaker this person looks as if he is going to be amazed all the time because he seems to be still stuck in the old dispensation. We know him, he was in the old order. Our main concern here is the fact that our schools have been turned into shebeens, I will not change what I am saying that our schools have been changed by the MEC because she does not have an idea of what is expected of him, she is bringing alcohol into our schools.

Secondly, Mr Deputy Speaker, we are not satisfied with this bill how can you give those that are already rich 50/50 sitting rights on the governing body, how many kids do they have in schools for them to have 50% sitting rights on the governing body. We are saying that this will lead to the privatisation of public schools and make the public domain to be a domain for the rich. We

therefore think that according to National Law, we are not going to accept this law because of the said reason. That is the second reason. The third reason we say is because they say I should focus on the bill I see here they have also put the evaluation board on the agenda and when you look at the evaluation authority here they say the MEC gets to appoint this authority. The MEC is a political head of this department why is it now that she is going to interfere with administrative processes and appoint candidates that will do the evaluation in schools? Who is she because she is a political head of this department. Why don't they change that and let it be done by the HOD? In this bill they claim that the school evaluation authority must be independent, must be credible, accountable, open and transparent but when you look at the first point the Minister appoints the evaluation authority, the Chief Evaluator, she is the political head but she is the Chief Evaluator that must run schools and we say that is totally wrong.

There are agreements with labour unions which she does not want to adhere to and those agreements pinpoint the duplication in government processes. Thirdly, let me go back to the issue of the establishment of intervention facilities, we say now they are going back to the old processes that when there is lack of discipline they are moved to other facilities so they can be taken care of and then they are re-instated for a period of a year. We know that for a fact. We know they are going to give their brothers big sums of money and tell them to go and run those facilities. Our question is why the costing of these is never explained in this bill because we know when intervention facilities are to be built there is a need for space and buildings,

there is a need for separate facilities and there should be teachers to attend to these children. Where are we going to get funds for all that because our schools are falling apart, which the important issue we hoped this bill would look at how you plan on refurbishing our schools. We do not have any funding to even refurbish schools infrastructure, we do not have funding to refurbish the schools, our children have to walk long distances to and from schools which is what the MEC was supposed to address in this bill. Yet she addresses the issue of alcohol, we know we do drink alcohol. Our concern is that not long ago they brought up the issue of crime and now the MEC for Health was telling us about the difficulties they are faced with in hospitals, people stab each other, they shoot each other, and alcohol is a contributing factor and now hospitals are full with patients and you say let us bring the army, and on the other hand you encourage people to bring alcohol to schools. What do we do? What is the relevance of that?

This is a clear contravention of law, exactly because you claim to focus on fighting the alcohol issue but at the same time you bring alcohol into schools. This is a disgrace, I knew this bill was just a waste of state resources I do not understand why this bill is still here because the MEC does not have any clue of what is really going on in this department. She should be long gone in this department, she does not care, she does not come with issues she is supposed to bring here. Lastly Speaker, because I do not want to waste my time with this as I do not have time to talk about alcohol when we have bigger problems like drugs, we have problems with dagga in schools, we have problems with school children who beat their teachers in schools, yet there is

no bill that looks into those issues and now they encourage people to come to schools and enjoy themselves, to drink alcohol and turn on their teachers and beat them and everybody else and all this brought to us by this DA. We still emphasise that we will support bodies that are determined to go to courts we will go with them as the ANC and support them in whatever way we can because we will not let this be as it is. The fact is we do not think the people of the Western Cape deserve this in any way.]

†This is an indictment on the people of the Western Cape.

†Dit is 'n klap in die gesig en die DA moet betaal daarvoor. Jy kan nooit dit voor 'n tafel van 'n regering soos die DA bring nie, dit kan ons weet.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[It is a slap in the face and the DA has to pay for that. You can never bring it to the table of a government like the DA, that we should know.]

†And we know who is going to be affected by this Bill, it is again the people of the Western Cape and you sitting that side do not care. Go and make schools shebeens and the people of the Western Cape will punish you.

[Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Lorraine Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I was quiet when it was others' time to speak so I would want the same courtesy.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will control that. You are quite right.
[Interjections.] Order, order!

†Me L J BOTHA: Dankie dat jy stilbly. [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you for being quiet. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just one second, hon member Botha. You may continue.

†Me L J BOTHA: Dankie. [Thank you.] As the DA-led Western Cape Government we remain committed to providing a quality education – †stilbly, asseblief – [keep quiet, please] – to each and every learner in our province. Mr Deputy Speaker, providing a high standard of education to all learners of our province, especially in light of limited finances, requires innovative and creative mechanisms to help develop a sustainable system with a strategic objective to enhance learner achievement and promote educational outcomes in our province.

Therefore, schools will not become shebeens. [Interjections.]

During the last Standing Committee on Education that took place, in which all political parties were provided with a final opportunity to state their

concerns about the Bill, the African National Congress, ANC, and the ...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We will never allow ... [Interjection.]

Ms L J BOTHA: ... African Christian Democratic Party, who became the ANCDP, were not even prepared to consider any change to the current Western Province Provincial School Education Act 12 of 1997. The ANC and the ANCDP insisted on objecting to each and every single clause without giving any consideration to any aspect of the Bill – any aspect of the Bill, hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: That is because ... [Interjection.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, this is indicative of the obstructive behaviour and attitude towards education for the poor in the Western Cape. [Interjection.] Schools will not become shebeens. This pro-poor legislation has in fact been taken out of complete context by the ANC and the ANCDP. Their objection to the liquor clause is blatant deceit as they are well aware that many schools in the past have sold alcohol at events illegally.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Bill does not oblige or encourage any school to sell alcohol at events. It merely makes provision for those schools that wish to apply for permission from the Department, also subject to other legal requirements. [Interjections.]

Now, hon member Olivier, you must listen. No school will become a shebeen as the ANC and the ANCDP would lead us to believe. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, not too long ago ... [Interjection.]
Please, member of the Opposition, please listen. Not too long ago the ANC ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, can I be protected, please?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, I will protect you. Hon member Makeleni, please, you are keeping up a running commentary there now and your colleague next to you as well. Please continue, hon member.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, not too long ago the ANC advertised in the Stellenbosch *Eikestad Nuus* as, and I open the quote:

†“Wyk 6 doen aansoek om ‘n makietie op die skoolterrein te hou.

Die tyd is 7 nm tot onbepaald. Bring jou eie X, Y, Z.”

[“Ward 6 is applying to have a party on the school grounds. The time is 7 pm until late. Bring your own X, Y, Z.”]

How hypocritical! [Interjections.] The truth remains, we are a party that has complete respect for the rule of law. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: We are well aware that regulations are needed in certain instances to ensure that school environments are in fact safer places when parents' evenings and events take place. [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, this is becoming ridiculous. †Asseblief. [Please.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order.

Mr R T OLIVIER: [Inaudible.] the fact that it is not right. It doesn't make [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Olivier, I am addressing the House.

Ms L J BOTHA: That you must say to yourself.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please allow the hon member the opportunity to continue. [Interjections.] Order! Hon member Botha, you may continue.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, initiatives such as the collaboration schools were also shut down by the ANC and the ACDP. Both parties have blatantly turned down additional financial assistance being granted to schools

who lack resources. Collaboration Schools in fact, Mr Deputy Speaker, provide parents from poorer communities the choice to decide on their children's education.

Wealthier schools in the Western Cape have access to huge resources, networks of social capital and the ability to attract the best teachers. The notion that they have put out there that poor schools must just do better with more of the same, little extra, funding from Government for norms and standards, is both wrong and unjust. Most fundamentally, wealthier parents have a choice over their children's education; poor parents have far fewer ... [Interjections.] Please allow those parents that are in the gallery to listen.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Member Botha. [Interjections.]
Order.

Ms L J BOTHA: Poor parents have far fewer, if any, choices. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Please, just one second. You can continue when we finish with this one. Hon Makeleni, Dijana and Nkondlo at the back there, you are exceeding the bounds of what we want in this House. There is far too much commentary all the time. Hon member Botha, you may continue. [Interjection.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Collaboration schools start to give parents in our most vulnerable communities greater choice in their

children's education, albeit at a collective and not an individual level.

Mr Deputy Speaker, just ask Mr Albert Mocke, principal of Jakes Gerwel Technical High School who, in his written submission, stated that he firmly believes that the WCED made a difficult but a brave and brilliant decision to develop collaboration schools.

The PREMIER: Hear-hear!

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, due to the assistance provided by outside partners, Jakes Gerwel Technical School in Bonnievale is providing additional opportunities to the marginalised youth of the surrounding areas, in not only academics and sport, but also through access to the state of the art facilities and the supervision of an excellent teaching staff with an impressive teacher-to-student ratio of 1 to 15.

Furthermore, Mr Deputy Speaker, at this school, due to its transparent school governing body, finances are prudently managed and its professional staff developed and also provides psycho-social support for the parents of learners.

Other aspects of the Bill, such as the creation of intervention support facilities, was also not taken into consideration by the ANC and the ANCDP, regardless of the fact that intervention support facilities have been proven to empower principals and teachers to have another mechanism to protect

themselves and those learners who wish to learn. Learners with serious behavioural issues will now get another chance to manage.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Bruce Rob Probert, a retired school principal, chair of the Western Cape Education Council and head coach and mentor of the Principals' Academy, provided valuable input in his written submission on the Bill. He highlights that at all schools the number 1 issue that teachers complain about is poor discipline and the impact it has on teaching and learning. This poor behaviour by some pupils has a dramatic effect on the school.

He further adds that the introduction of intervention centres will have a number of significant benefits in that it will address and help pupils who have discipline problems. These learners will not be left in isolation and in neglect, as some of the Opposition members have expressed. It will be quite the opposite actually. Teachers will, in fact, be constantly ... [Interjection.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order, hon Mitchell. You are interfering with the hon member.

Ms L J BOTHA: ... kept informed as to the pupils' progress and as they also interact with the intervention facility and are assisted with skills in how to deal with a pupil when he or she returns to school. The end result will be

that teaching and learning can continue.

We must be willing, Mr Deputy Speaker, to do things differently if we want a different outcome and more development in terms of education and to give our learners a better opportunity to further education, especially when it comes to ensuring that all learners are indeed provided with the opportunity to live a life they value and in order to ensure that we continue to produce proactive citizens who contribute to a better South Africa.

Mr Deputy Speaker, schools will not become shebeens. The truth must be told. Our communities must not be misled by the ANC and the ACDP. Mr Deputy Speaker, I support this Bill. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Bernard Joseph?

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am just wondering at what stage I should request that my time be monitored and that I receive feedback after such debate. That is unofficial.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: 15 seconds have gone already.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Okay. Mr Deputy Speaker, in terms of the Western Cape Provincial Schools Education Act, the Amendment Bill, there are a few issues that I would like to touch on, two or three issues. The one is the alcohol use or alcohol abuse at schools and the other is the school improvement plan and

how we address these issues.

It is quite clear that alcohol abuse at school is one of the reasons why our children at the farm schools, parents ... [Interjections.] Farm schools are being paid by the *dop* and it is unfortunately the ... [Interjections.] By the *dop*, and it is unfortunately the members on the other side of the floor ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon member Wiley?

Mr M G E WILEY: Is the hon member prepared to take a question?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Joseph, are you prepared to take a question?

An HON MEMBER: No!

Mr B D JOSEPH: I would like to have an open debate with him outside of this building.

An HON MEMBER: Why?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I presume the answer is no, hon Chief Whip. Please continue. [Interjections.]

Mr B D JOSEPH: Thank you. In terms of conditions, public schools must obtain the prior written consent of the parents. Now is it correct that you

should ask the prior written consent of parents for a child to attend a gathering in terms where alcohol will be used? In terms of the Alcohol Act itself ... [Interjection.] I think we are, if you do not understand my sister, if you do not understand then you have not read the Bill. So which building are we referring to here?

Mr B D JOSEPH: That is it. [Interjection.] No, they are wasting time but it is fine, Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like this thing to be addressed and taken out of this legislation in the Western Cape - alcohol should not be sold at schools.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member. I have given you extra time, your time has expired. I see the hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker. For the record, the ANC has got four particular concerns around this Bill and in terms of a number of the submissions we received from teacher unions and others who had had legal advice, there are serious questions about whether these four areas actually are consistent with the Constitution and the South African Schools Act.

They are: the establishment of the Schools Evaluation Authority; secondly, the establishment of the Labour Relations Schools Act, and this is a separate provision in the proposed Bill, donor-funded schools; also the establishment of intervention centres and, as hon member Olivier has indicated very

clearly, the highly controversial introduction of the sale and consumption of alcohol on school premises.

So there are these four particular concerns but I think it is important for the House and the members of the public that are here today to acknowledge that one of the key game-changers – and this Provincial Government has set out game-changers, in other words things that they have said ... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That was just talk.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... are so fundamental to this province, that need to be sorted out: energy security, apprenticeship, e-learning. Now one of those game-changers, Mr Deputy Speaker, is called the Alcohol Harms Reduction Game-Changer. And I want to quote from the website of the Provincial Government as to why they think this game-changer is important, and I quote:

“Alcohol is the most widely abused drug in South Africa and its harmful use causes enormous social, emotional and economic cost to society. Secondly, in South Africa more than half of road accidents, over 60% of road deaths, domestic violence, incidences and homicides are directly or indirectly related to harmful alcohol use. Alcohol has been identified as the third leading risk factor for death and disability in South Africa. Over several years many attempts have been made to reduce alcohol abuse in the Western

Cape by Government and civil society. However, there is little systemic success to show for all the effort. The Western Cape Government aims to change this by focusing on interventions that make a tangible impact on reducing the harms related to alcohol.”

Now, the question which any reasonable citizen is asking, is: how can a provision – and obviously the other side of the House will say this is up to the school to make a request, it is up to the governing body and so on - but how do you in any way begin to justify the complete contradiction between a game-changer of this Provincial Government and a measure in this Bill which effectively makes it legal for schools to have not only the consumption but the sale of alcohol at schools? Because there are many unintended consequences which happen. Everyone has the right, if you want to drink or not, that is your right but why in a public school allow the sale and the consumption of alcohol?

And I think the reason that actually lies behind this is that this DA Provincial Government has a tendency to listen to certain voices and to be completely insensitive to the voices of others. Only less than 100 schools – and all of them, as hon member Olivier has said – are former Model C schools, have actually requested this, given that they themselves are already consuming and selling alcohol at the schools.

Now our schools’ composition are beginning to change; there is a much more diverse parent body with very different views on this. These are public

schools, these are not private schools. So once you allow this culture, you actually go against the very game-changer that the Provincial Government has put out, which is alcohol harms reduction, and you ignore the voices of the vast majority of schools.

And we have been to Caledon, we have been to Oudtshoorn, we have been to Riversdale, we have been to Paarl and the Committee has been to Klawer and in this House and the MEC, despite being invited, did not come to one of these hearings where she would have heard from the community, those schools who are not former Model C schools, arguing about the changes of introducing this because there are always unintended consequences.

And it is a day of shame because as the Opposition parties are united today, the EFF, the ANC as well as the ACDP, against this, the DA Government of the Premier and MEC Schäfer are listening to certain schools and certain voices for whom this has become a culture and it has become a tradition, they are listening only to those voices. [Interjections.]

But it is important for us to also point out that there are serious issues with the School Evaluation Authority. There have been serious legal issues raised, the establishment of collaboration schools and donor-funded schools. Our argument, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that this Provincial Government has a reputation for doing things for short-term political gain as opposed to a genuine attempt to resolve the challenges at hand.

If, for instance, this Provincial Government was concerned about equity in schools and about school safety, they could have brought an amendment here with clear measures to deal with school safety. But that is a cry coming from the majority of disadvantaged schools, that cry is not heard. Nothing in this Amendment Bill about specific measures around school safety but everything about collaboration schools because there are donors, and the MEC's Department admitted it in the Standing Committee that donors have said: we will only fund you if you allow us to have a majority.

So they are listening to the voice of donors. They are not listening to the voice of ordinary schools who are saying: make our schools safer. Why could there not have been an amendment? [Interjection.]

Then let us look at the issue of no-fee schools. There is nothing stopping this Province from coming here with an amendment which says that in our province we acknowledge the inequalities, we want to be better than any other province, so let us give additional money to no-fee schools. No, no, no, they will not do that. So the genuine issues affecting the majority of schools, such as school safety, such as equity and redress, those are not issues which this DA Provincial Government brings to this House, which indicates a choice that this DA is for the privileged ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: This DA Government is for commercial interest, those

that make money out of selling alcohol at schools, those that want to intervene in the curriculum of schools – donors, for instance. The Schools Act is very clear that a governing body is constituted in regard to the parents actually having a particular say there. The Schools Act is very clear, yet donors have asked and insisted that: we will fund your schools provided we have a majority. [Interjections.] And if you look at the provision in this Bill on donor-funded schools, Section 12(9) indicates that:

“The Provincial Minister may, on good cause shown, declare that the governing body of a particular donor-funded school shall comprise more than 50% of the representatives of the donor with voting rights...”

And it is not surprising that teacher unions and others are considering legal action and as our spokesperson on education, hon member Olivier, has said, we will be convening all those stakeholders who have raised objections because the ANC listens to those majority voices that are against these particular provisions and we will seriously consider ... [Interjections.]

Also, if this Provincial Government was serious about the voices of, for instance, Parents for Change, Parents for Change at Rustenburg Junior have made it very clear that they as parents are concerned that there are not black teachers at the school, that the school is not representative ... [Interjections.]

Why could this Provincial Government not have come to this House and said:

we are also concerned about the lack of representivity in schools which are changing in terms of teacher composition and governing body posts. Why don't they bring a recommendation here which says: this is our strategy to make sure that the teacher composition at our schools is representative? They do not because that is not a concern to them, because they are not concerned about transformation. So we as the ANC are saying ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... there needs to be – yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time has expired but you can complete the last sentence, please.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you. So the issue is, the ANC is opposed to the Schools Evaluation Authority, the collaboration and donor-funded schools intervention centres and alcohol in schools – and we will be engaging with our constituencies and the teacher unions because clearly ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... this Bill cannot be signed into law. It is against the Schools Act and against the Constitution.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired. [Applause.] I see hon Minister Schäfer. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh, my God.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Mr Deputy Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to stand here today and finally to present this Bill to the House for adoption. I believe it constitutes the biggest education reform publicly since 1994.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: And it is designed to achieve excellence in education for every child in every classroom in every school in the province and open up opportunities for our youth and for meaningful partnerships.

As the Western Cape Government we have identified accountability, transparency and innovation as important attributes and this Bill embodies all of these. The Bill itself is innovative in that it represents a real exercise of the Province's concurrent legislative competence in basic education, which the ANC will not understand.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Oh, really? [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: If we are to be at the forefront of education, if we are to be at the ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Order! Please allow the hon Minister the time to finish, to continue. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: If we are to be at the forefront of education, it is important that we are open to innovative ways of delivering education, that we have effective and efficient ways of assessing how well schools are performing and we ensure that measures are put in place to improve those that need it.

The main focus areas of this Bill are: the establishment of an evaluation authority, to be known as the Western Cape School Evaluation Authority or SEA. The specific provision for collaboration schools and donor-funded schools, the establishment of intervention facilities for learners who have been found guilty of serious misconduct, as an alternative to expulsion, and the enabling of classroom observation and providing for an exception to the prohibition of alcohol on school premises, on application to the Head of Department, for adult events after-hours.

I am going to start with the last issue that has been opportunistically distorted and misrepresented by the Opposition and some media. [Interjections.] It is a fact that many schools ... [Interjections.] It is a fact ...

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... that many schools have events for adults where alcohol is sold or consumed on or off school premises.

Ms M N GILLION: Where is that?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Many schools also hold fundraising activities where the same applies. Some schools rent out their halls for wedding receptions or parties. [Interjection.] Currently, all of this is illegal.

Even the ANC's fundraiser for Ward 6 at Lückhoff High School in Stellenbosch on 5 May 2018 was also illegal, where they advertised for people to bring their own X, Y, Z. And this is not an ex-Model C school. The hypocrisy ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I cannot hear the hon Minister speaking, please come to order.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: The hypocrisy is astounding, given their vociferous opposition to this provision. [Interjections.]

The current legislation also prohibits alcohol at adult functions off school premises if they are classified as a school activity, which would include things like the principal and staff going to a year-end function where alcohol

is consumed. I know some people do not like it and want us to be a nanny state, but we believe in giving adults a choice in how they wish to live their lives. And we also believe in people taking the responsibility they have been given, seriously.

This is why we have provided that application may, not must, be made to the HOD for permission to hold certain adult functions on school premises where alcohol may be consumed or sold. The SGB must apply for general functions and the principal for staff functions. This puts the decision for school functions squarely in the hands of the governing body, which is largely elected by parents from the community.

I am intrigued by criticism from some quarters about the collaboration school model where parents do not have a majority on the governing body and yet in this case some people are criticising us for allowing governing bodies to make decisions for their schools. If a governing body believes that it is not right for their school to allow alcohol on the premises for any reason, it is their responsibility not to ask for the permission. It is as simple as that. Those that wish to do, may do so and conditions may be imposed by them and the HOD to make sure that the permission is responsibly exercised.

Section 45(a) ... [Interjections.] Mr Deputy Speaker, there is a continual discussion going on by hon Olivier here. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order! Hon Olivier, you have had your

opportunity.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Section 45(a) of our existing Act, which is not ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! She is in fact making her speech to the House, not to you personally. So please do not respond to every sentence she says.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I hope my time is being ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You will be protected, please continue.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Section 45(a) of our existing Act, which is not being changed, provides that alcohol may not be brought onto school premises except for legitimate educational purposes. That is the current law. The new provision is providing for an exception to this for schools that wish to apply, subject to conditions. It is not and has never been intended for learners to drink alcohol and this can be a requirement in the regulations specifically which will be publicised soon for public comment.

The HOD, in making the decision as to whether to allow an application or not, must take into account existing legislation regarding the sale of alcohol, as well as the Provincial Harms Reduction Policy. So there is no

contradiction whatsoever. The alcohol abuse is happening at homes, not at schools.

I believe that this is a responsible way of dealing with this issue, instead of the current situation where schools are trying to find every possible creative way to define legitimate educational purpose.

Of course it was also not reported by the anti-DA media that 83 schools supported this amendment in a written submission to the Standing Committee and it is shocking that the ANC seems to think that they do not have the right to an opinion.

But let us now move on to the truly exciting education innovations in this Bill. Collaboration schools ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: A review of public expenditure on education in the Western Cape for 2016/17 showed that the children in the poorest quintile schools received the highest state allocation. Pro-poor public financing is now in place to the extent that the state can afford it, so we do not need a Bill on it.

An HON MEMBER: Why not?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: In effect, the revenue gap between poorer and wealthier schools is now entirely determined by the private contribution of school fees by wealthier parents. It is clear that state funding alone is not enough to overcome the massive differences in total income between non-fee-paying schools and fee-paying schools. Thus the only way that the state can further narrow the income gap between poorer and richer public schools is to harness private sources of funding for schools where parents cannot afford to pay fees.

Despite pro-poor funding of schools, the inequalities of the past still constrain us. Children enter the schools without the benefits of pre-school education, good teachers leave for better schools and school leadership and governance is often weak as rival interest groups try and dominate school governing bodies.

In other words, the answer to the problem is not just money anymore, it is undoing patterns of inequality that mean that children are less able to learn, many teachers are less able or less willing to teach and school leadership is often weak and contested. So this is the basis for collaboration schools, to address these inequalities, to put in place an affirmative process for schools serving the poorest communities, to bring new funding into the system and ensure that such funding is used effectively to improve school outcomes while keeping those schools within the public system. So the Bill is dealing with inequalities.

We are not handing over public schools to private players, as claimed by Opposition parties and some media. We are trying to create sustainable partnerships within the ambit of public schools.

If we reject the model of collaboration schools we are effectively saying that there is no room for true partnership in which the parties concerned are mutually accountable, and that all we want from investors and other partners is their money.

However, that is not the basis for sustained long-term partnerships in which every party remains invested. We cannot rely on short-term funding provided by third parties who want to do good but have no real obligation to stay the course. We want people to be invested in every sense of the word and we are dealing with people who really put their money where their mouth is. Between all the different partners so far, because of this model, an additional R150 million has already been invested into the public system in addition. But this is not only about money. [Interjection.]

We need to use the money we have better and we need better management and governance at our schools. This model allows us to do things differently. It is very difficult to manage a staff of 40 000 in 1 500 schools with a relatively small PMP component in the department. With this model we are able to harness specialised and focused attention on all aspects of the school and provide more attention to learners. We are also providing more professional development to our teachers and school leadership through this partnership.

There are currently 10 schools that form part of the collaboration schools model. Overall there has been a pleasing improvement in the quality of education outcomes in the pilot schools already. For example, in the three primary schools that started this project two years ago, we saw an average improvement at grade 3 level in the systemic test results from 13.4 to 32.9% in language and from 29.3 to 53.3% in mathematics. [Interjections.] At Grade 6 level, average language results increased from 19 to 23.5% and maths from 16.2 to 25.1%.

Collaboration schools have seen renewed parental involvement in the education of their children at these schools, which is something I have been actively encouraging since I assumed office.

My colleague has spoken about the incredible difference ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... the Jakes Gerwel Collaboration School has already made in the community of Bonnievale. This new model is creating opportunities for people who do not have them and is assisting us in the face of diminishing budgets and staffing, thanks to ANC mismanagement. It is assisting in better management and governance at our schools and it is also enabling additional resources such as social workers which are so desperately needed in many of our communities, to be employed there.

It simply does not cut it to say that people should just give us their money and leave us to do whatever we want with it. A real partnership means active involvement of all parties.

The benefits we have already seen from this project are truly encouraging and it is simply beyond my comprehension why anyone would want to prevent this from continuing.

The School Evaluation Authority. This new provision provides for the creation of the SEA. It will independently evaluate schools and develop school evaluation reports which will be published for parents and communities to know how well schools in their area are performing. This will create greater accountability and transparency in the education system in the Western Cape.

It is part of our broader strategy, transforming school accountability which we are working on with our schools, who I wish to thank most sincerely for their ongoing support in truly transforming the way we do things, whilst helping us adapt successful models to our own context.

We want to assess the true quality of education in our system in a manner that is fair, consistent and an honest reflection of how well a school is functioning, with a particular focus on teaching and learning in the classroom, not just compliance.

The new reports will be more concise, insightful and focused on the right issues. The assessments are also shorter, already resulting in a cost-saving. This means we can assess more schools in a shorter time and then focus on the improvement aspects. The intention is for the Department to assist where it is needed, but the primary responsibility will be on the school to decide what they need to do to ensure that their school improves and how they are going to do it.

Through the pilot we have also identified excellence in schools, working in difficult circumstances, through data analysis and site visits which we will showcase to other schools.

The SEA will be headed by a chief evaluator, appointed by me – and that is the only person who is appointed by me – who will appoint their own staff thereafter, who has the necessary experience or knowledge of education. The primary focus is developmental and is not a name and shame of individuals exercise. But the purpose is also not to create nice reports that never get looked at again either. Consequence management will be crucial.

Included as part of the criteria of a well-functioning school will be whether it is inclusive and embraces diversity. If it is not, it will be reflected in the outcome. And safety is also a part of the assessment, so all of these aspects are included in the School Evaluation Authority which is being opposed by the ANC.

An important change from the current whole school evaluation system is that instead of giving four weeks' notice of an evaluation and then speaking to a few hand-picked teachers, this Bill provides for two days' notice and all teachers are evaluated. In addition, discussions are held with learners, SGBs, SMTs and parents. This gives a far better holistic picture of what is happening at a particular school. School leaders value the new approach, especially the focus on classroom observation and joint observations of an independent evaluator. They are seeing their schools as they really are and they find the evaluation results credible because they are based on good evidence.

Concerns have been raised about the independence of this body. Well, it is a lot more independent than the current whole school evaluation where reporting is done to the HOD only, who is responsible already for administering the Department anyhow. At least if this body reports to the Provincial Minister, and only reports, the person who is held politically accountable will know what is happening in schools and will likewise be held accountable for monitoring improvement.

Allegations have also been made that this goes against the collective agreement of 2003. My question is this, why is classroom monitoring even the subject of a collective agreement? This is not a condition of service but a management issue. Why do unions want to stop classroom observation and the ANC too when this is the best way to help teachers improve their teaching and why are the teachers we have piloted this system with,

welcoming the feedback they are receiving because they want to improve teaching and learning in the classroom and so should we all.

I note the threats of unions and the ANC to challenge this in court and we are ready for that. In one of our schools that was a subject of the pilot, the school knew in good time that the evaluators were coming, but showed no concern whatsoever and performed badly. If this is what the unions want to prevent us finding out as well as the ANC, ACDP and EFF I will happily defend this in any court in the country. Intervention facilities ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Yes all of them, all of them want us to stop doing it. Another issue ...

The SPEAKER: Minister Schafer, kindly speak to the Chair. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: It is difficult Madam Chair when they are having on-going [Inaudible.] Another important addition is intervention facilities for learners who have been found guilty of serious misconduct ...
[Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Olivier, interjections.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Another important addition is the intervention facilities. It is not an old style reformatory ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Minister Schafer, kindly take your seat please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Sorry.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat please. Hon Olivier you have had an opportunity to speak, your interjections are now becoming a running commentary. Kindly compose yourself and allow the Minister to continue. Thank you. Interjection are allowed, no running commentaries. Since I have arrived you have had four interjections straight after each other. Thank you. You may proceed hon Minister.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, could I address you on that one?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, can I address you? All that I was doing is to respond to what the Minister said, the MEC that from visiting schools, she will know where the problems are. So I have just listed five problems which she already knows but is doing nothing. That is what I was doing.

The SPEAKER: But hon member Olivier your interjection should not be list the problems. You should have presented that when your turn came so you do

not have to assist the Minister. Allow her to continue please without interruption. Thank you. You may proceed hon Minister Schäfer.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Unfortunately we have become used to the bullying style of the ANC. This is not an old style reformatory but a short-term facility ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: We cannot hear what you are saying.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I cannot hear myself ... but a short-term facility where ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, you are the Leader of the official Opposition. Please manage yourself, thank you. [Interjection.] You are a leader. Thank you. You may proceed hon Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: I will repeat the sentence so it can be heard, Madam Speaker. This is not an old style reformatory but a short-term facility where specialist interventions can be given in the hope that a learner can be reintegrated into his or her school without having to be expelled and accommodated in another school. Madam Speaker, this disrespect across the floor is really becoming impossible. This is in line with opportunities for our youth. Parents' consent will also be required for the intervention facility, not going to a party with alcohol.

Lastly, specific provision is being made for classroom observations to be done by authorised officials. This is crucial for the reasons I have set out above in respect of the C and I suspect the real reason for most of the unions' objections. No longer will we be told that the Department that is responsible for delivering a quality education for the future of our country may not observe teachers in classrooms.

Before I finish I would like to say a few thank you's. Firstly to the SE and his team who have been pivotal in the development of the legislation, collaboration schools pilot and the tools for the C ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... [Inaudible.] Coleridge-Zils, Solly Abrahams, Karen Bydell and recently Praveshni Govender. Also to Mr Archie Lewis and those who attended the public hearings and the concomitant abuse that was hurled at them. To the legal drafting team, Anita Voster and Amanda Tor from DotP for their tireless attention to detail and endless patience. To the Standing Committee members who steadfastly attended the public hearings and grasped the real issues that this Bill is trying to address instead of the political posturing of people travelling from one public hearing to another in an effort to create the impression of wide-spread opposition. [Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: You were not even there, so how can you ...

[Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Ministers are not usually at public hearings of their own Bills. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ... To Ark and our collaboration school partners ... [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: When are you resigning?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Never.

Mr K E MAGAXA: When are you resigning because you are useless!

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Never.

The SPEAKER: Minister Schäfer, please address the Chair. Thank you. Order please members. You must pose questions through the Chair. Thank you.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: To Ark and our collaboration school partners and Romaney Pinnock who have selflessly dedicated their time and money in pursuit of quality education in our poor communities. Lastly to the Premier, my Cabinet colleagues and the caucus members who have supported

me under sometimes very trying conditions. I honestly believe that this Bill is in the interests of quality education in the province and I very proudly present it to the House for adoption. If I have time I want to just address the inane comments from across the floor.

The one advantage of being in government is that we can decide what Bills will be passed, so it is very nice to hear from the Opposition what they would like, but most of those Bills, those things do not get covered by Bills, we just ran that as part of our administration.

The SPEAKER: Minister Schafer, kindly finish up, your time has expired.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you. Just lastly, I am shocked that the ANC is basically saying that Model C schools do not have a voice. Everybody in this province has a voice, including Model C Schools. Thank you. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Christians. Hon members there is a speaker on the floor. Hon Magaxa, allow member Christians to speak please.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, today the ACDP absolutely rejects the amendments to the Western Cape Provincial School Education Act. [Interjections.] Today will be recorded as a very, very sad day in the history of this province, where the majority of voters in the Western Cape will be

disregarded, disrespected and ignored. On 2 July 2018, the media reported at our first round of public hearings, the media said, “concerned groups vented their anger”. [Interjections.] I was there.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Concerned groups vented their anger hearing after hearing. Now according to the submissions ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Member Mitchell.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... 83 schools out of more than 1, 400 schools supported the selling of alcohol. 83 out of 1 400 what about the 1 300? This does not even include the unions, the parents and the concerned groups that attended these public hearings. They are ignored, disrespected and disregarded.

Madam Speaker, when the Committee sat down and did a cost analysis, the cost analysis amounted to R343 605 for six public hearings. This amount will amount to almost R400 000 after the additional costs are added. I really thought that these hearings would count for something but now I realise it was only a tick box exercise because in the media, on 5 July 2017, the Western Cape Schools Amendment Bill was approved by the Western Cape Cabinet, a year before the public hearings [Interjections.]. What a waste!

The SPEAKER: Member Christians, thank you. Your time has expired, please finish.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: What a waste of taxpayers' money. It will further be recorded as a sad day where the vulnerable will be exploited by the donor funded and collaboration schools where they will lose 50% of their say. Effectively the DA is taking away ...

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member Christians.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... the voice of the parents on our SGBs. I thank you.
[Applause.] [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. Hon member Mitchell before you proceed. I would just like to ask the House to come to order please. There is too much noise. You may proceed hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Take your seat hon member please.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, I just overheard member Wiley making what I regard as a comment that actually undermines the dignity of another member of this House. After member Christians had finished speaking, he said "you had better go and ask for forgiveness at confession on Sunday."

Now that he is a member of the ACDP, that actually amounts to, I would argue, undermining the very dignity of the faith of member Christians. I would like you to actually rule on that matter.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Dugmore. Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: May I address you please?

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr M G E WILEY: I am amazed at the religious conversion of the hon member. During the Minister's speech, the Leader of the Opposition said "My God", repeatedly. I never said what the hon member said, I said, "you should go to confession on Sunday" which is true because, in my opinion, the hon member on the other side there, told a lot of fibs today but I withdraw that remark. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Members.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Madam Speaker, let the Chief Whip withdraw that. This is factual. I have got it here, it is factual. He definitely did not read the Bill and he does not know about the Bill. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members I am going to revert to Hansard and I am going to come back to the House with a ruling. I cannot attest to the factual

accuracy of what was said, so I would need to go to the record, sorry Chief Whip?

Mr M G E WILEY: I have already withdrawn it.

The SPEAKER: Yes, but I still need to go to the record and, for the record hon Christians, the Chief Whip has withdrawn. May we now proceed? Hon member Mitchell?

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The ANC is so predictable that I do not even think that I have to go through my speech because everything has been addressed. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please!

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, I just need to, for the record state ...

Ms M N GILLION: Shame on you.

Mr D G MITCHELL: ... that the Bill had to go to Cabinet as part of the process. So just to hon member Christians, it is part of the process. To hon Joseph ...

The SPEAKER: Member Mitchell, kindly address the Chair please, thank you.

Mr D G MITCHELL: The reality is that there were opportunities to make input in the Standing Committee but hon Joseph did not attend any of those meetings so there is no way that his input today can be incorporated. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, can you please protect me so that we can actually get to this very important point of putting the question to the House so that we can make history in this province. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Member Mitchell ...

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: I will protect you from yourself. You may proceed.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, in spite of the way in which the ANC has twisted and misunderstood the enormity of the Western Cape School Education Amendment Bill ... [Interjections.] this piece of legislation will give greater capacity to our schools to deliver to best quality education our children deserve.

The Bill capacitates schools to self-supplement their budget by means of innovation and greater economy, creates a platform for schools to collaborate

and share resources and services to the benefit of those who are most disadvantaged. This Bill seeks to create a framework of accountability, transparency and choice.

The only reason the Opposition is so opposed to this Bill is because the entire country knows just how allergic the ANC is to accountability and any piece of legislation which enforces it. This is exactly why the unions are opposed to the Bill. The South African Democratic Teachers' Union does not care about improving education and providing quality services to our children through the teacher oversight and monitoring but about maintaining the status quo where the unions have a choke-hold over progress in the education sector.

Madam Speaker, before I close I think it is important, as we are in 16 days of activism, I need to state for the record the disgusting manner in which the two ANC members treated the Acting Chairperson during this process.
[Interjections.]

Mr C M DUGMORE: [Inaudible.] gave him four minutes because he is opposed to the Bill.

The SPEAKER: Order.

Mr D G MITCHELL: The demonstration by the ANC, how patronising and the undermining treatment, the elected Chairperson, hon Botha received in hon

Kivedo's absence, is a clear indication of the bullying tactics by the ANC male committee members. This sort of behaviour, Madam Speaker, is very unbecoming of any political party. But it is also common place for us that have to deal with it on a daily basis. So I think it is important to take note of the way that hon Botha was treated during this process and thank you to hon Botha for standing her ground against the bullying tactics to prevent this Bill from reaching this point. [Applause.]

Madam Speaker, the DA welcomes the Bill, a great leap in our capacity to provide quality education to the children of our province and better govern our schools. We reject the political poverty and legislative incapacity under which the ANC continues to suffer. While they are still dithering over trying to understand the needs of our province and the legislation which is drafted to address them we will continue to bring the best possible governance and service delivery to the people of this province and our children. I thank you. [Applause.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please. That concludes the debate on this order. Are there any objections to the Bill being finalised? There are objections. We have dealt with the Bill. I put the question, those in favour of the Bill being finalised, say 'aye'.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Those against, say no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think the 'ayes's have it and so they have.

[Applause.]

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, thank you very much. I refer you to the ATC. The ATC is a report of the Committee and that is the report that must be considered by this House. The ATC is very clear that there is a report on the Bill with amendments. What is missing in the ATC, Madam Speaker, is that the Committee supported this Bill. So I move that we cannot consider the adoption of this Bill in terms of the ATC that we have in front of us and I refer you to the ATC and you will clearly see that it is not being supported by the Committee as ATC'd here, Madam Speaker, and therefore you are not permitted to consider finalisation of this Bill.

The SPEAKER: In light of what has been shared by the Chief Whip, I am going to suspend and call the Chief Whips so that we can clarify the status of the ATC and the way forward. The House is suspended.

[The House was suspended at 16:58 and resumed at 17:08.]

The SPEAKER: Hon members, before the House was suspended I put the question and the 'ayes' had it. Chief Whip Uys rose on a point of order, we have convened and there is agreement that we can in fact proceed, because the query around the ATC does not reflect directly on what is being dealt

with here today. Thank you.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, I think you must just declare there was not unanimous agreement, majority agreement.

The SPEAKER: There was a majority agreement.

Mr P UYS: I did not support it. I call for a division, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A division has been called. The bells will be rung for three minutes. Order please.

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, we are still in the House. The hon Premier called the hon Leader of the Opposition “pathetic”. I think it is unparliamentary and I want her to withdraw please.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon Premier did you indeed call the hon Magaxa pathetic?

The PREMIER: Yes, I did.

Ms P MAKELENI: You are more pathetic.

The SPEAKER: Oh no. It is deemed to be unparliamentary, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: Madam Speaker, may I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes of course you may.

The PREMIER: There has been ...

The SPEAKER: Order please!

The PREMIER: The entire principal of parliamentary privilege is that there has to be more freedom of speech inside Parliament than outside Parliament and calling somebody pathetic, especially when it is true, is not unparliamentary. In fact I thought it was an understatement.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Madam Speaker, that is not the criteria and you know that very well. The hon Premier cannot say to any member that he or she is pathetic and I would like you to rule on that please.

The SPEAKER: I would need to make two rulings if I am going to ask the hon Premier to withdraw "pathetic", I would need to also address the hon Makeleni who stated very loudly for the House to hear, that the Premier was also pathetic. So, hon Premier, may I ask you in terms of what has been said and for the purposes of moving on, will you withdraw your statement please?

The PREMIER: I only withdraw my statement because I want to vote, otherwise I would not. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: No, that is not true.

The PREMIER: I withdraw my statement.

An HON MEMBER: And apologise.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: But I do not withdraw saying it was an understatement.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, no, No. Madam Speaker ...

The SPEAKER: I have got two members on the floor. Hon Dugmore, hon ... yes.

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, all of us may have differences in terms of rulings and so on but once a ruling has been made, you either accept that ruling or if you do not, you leave the House. Now what essentially has happened here is that the Premier of this province has effectively undermined your integrity and your ruling and I would ask you to please ask the Premier

to apologise for that because otherwise there is going to be no order, then any member can in any particular way try and explain why they are [Inaudible.], so it is just simply wrong for the Premier to set such an example. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please! Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: It is wrong to set a precedent that there is less freedom of speech in this House than there would be outside of this House. That is what is wrong [Interjections.]. And I would never undermine your integrity knowingly and for some people in this House, I would like to say that you can only undermine someone's integrity if you assume they have some. So, Madam Speaker, to say someone is pathetic is a completely normal thing to say, especially where it is a factual statement and especially when their arguments are, but because you are asking me to do it ...

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker ...

The PREMIER: ... and because we are taking ...

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, on a point of order.

The PREMIER: ... a most important piece of legislation to the vote, I am withdrawing.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, kindly take your seat.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, no. This ...

The SPEAKER: The Premier is on the floor.

The PREMIER: I am withdrawing it but it is a very dangerous [Inaudible.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, you are allowing abuse. No, this is abuse now.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Olivier, sorry let me just address you. When someone is on the floor you have to wait until that member sits down. You simply cannot go tapping your mike whilst I was listening to the Premier. So the Premier has withdrawn. Thank you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, can I address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, you may.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I agree and I apologise for that but someone was beginning to abuse the House and that is why I stood up. The Premier can never, and I am sure, maybe I need your guidance on it, if you withdraw, do you withdraw with a condition and that is all I want to hear from you. If you make a ruling and someone must withdraw, can I do it and put a condition to it so that I can

do it as well when we do that in next round?

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Olivier. When the Premier stood up the second time she withdrew. So that is accepted. I now need to deal with the hon Makeleni who said to the hon Premier, “you are pathetic” and that I heard, as well as the Chief Whip, so sorry ... [Interjections.]. No hold on, let everybody take their seat please. Please take your seat. Hon Gillion, hon Premier, kindly take your seat please. [Interjection.] No, no I am still busy with a ruling hon Gillion. I said I would address the Premier, she has withdrawn. I am now going to address hon Makeleni ... [Interjection.] No, you are not going to. Hon Makeleni said “you are pathetic”. So I am asking you hon Makeleni, did you indeed utter those words and are you willing to withdraw those words? [Interjection.] Hon Gillion you are out of order, you are crossing the line. I am speaking, take a seat please.

Ms M N GILLION: You did not recognise that [Inaudible.] the Premier but you allow her to speak.

The SPEAKER: Take your seat hon Gillion. Take your seat please!

Ms P MAKELENI: She can do whatever she wants!

The SPEAKER: There are no “she’s” here. We are hon members. Take your seat. Hon Premier take your seat please. Hon Makeleni, please withdraw your statement.

Ms P MAKELENI: Madam Speaker, in respect of what the hon Premier said to hon Magaxa I then said “she is more pathetic”. If she thinks that the abuse of the right to speak or the freedom of speech can be used anyhow to the extent that you can call another Member of Parliament pathetic then she is more pathetic. I said that and then if she withdraws on that condition, I am also withdrawing. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Because you did indeed say “you are pathetic”. A point of order, Premier?

The PREMIER: I would not want the hon member Makeleni to withdraw that statement.

Ms P MAKELENI: It is not up to you.

The PREMIER: I know it is not up to me ...

The SPEAKER: Order.

The PREMIER: ... but I would like to make a statement. [Interjections.] I do not want, I do not want ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please members! Order please!

The PREMIER: I have been recognised, I have been recognised. I have been recognised.

The SPEAKER: Continue Premier.

The PREMIER: I would not like to be part of a precedent of making the word “pathetic” unparliamentary and secondly, I know that I have to take things from whence they come.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Premier. That is not a point of order. May we continue? A division has been called.

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, can you please allow me to address you?

The SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: And I am very clear on this one. Every time the Premier just jumps up, before being recognised, you allow her to speak, Madam Speaker. But when we do it, I stood up, I asked you, can I address you because I wanted to address that issue that the Premier can just jump up in this House because you did not recognise the Premier. She starts speaking, you allow it, Madam Speaker. This is wrong.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, thank you. The Premier was asked to withdraw, she took her seat, I said I would then deal with the hon Makeleni who said “you are pathetic”. Then member Dugmore got up, then I asked the Premier to withdraw because there was no conditions. What you did whilst hon Makeleni was looking at me, you blocked her view and you just stood up

and that in itself is disrespectful. Hon Makeleni has now withdrawn her utterance, so may we proceed. Thank you.

The division has been called. I am going to ask that those in favour of the question take their seats to my right, that those against take their seats to the left and as tellers I appoint the Whips of the parties. [Interjections.] The papers, the Table staff will assist you with the division papers. [Interjections.]

[Question put and the House divided.]

Members as the hon Uys said, the House is still in session, let us not disrespect each other. Thank you. [Interjections.]. Members please manage yourselves [Interjections.]. Order please! Order please. The results of the count. Order please members. Minister Winde, hon Olivier. Thank you.

The result of the count. The ayes, 23, the no's 14. The ayes have it. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER: The Bill will now be sent to the Premier for assent. Hon members order. Hon members can I get the House back to order so that we may proceed. We will now move to Interpellations and the first interpellation is the hon Kivedo to the Minister of Education. I see the hon Minister.

INTERPELLATIONS:

*Children not in school***1. Mr B D Kivedo asked the Minister of Education:**

Concerning those children who are not in school, (a) what mechanisms does her Department have in place to identify those children and (b) what support does her Department offer those children to ensure that they are placed in schools?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon member Kivedo, we need to distinguish between learners who are registered at a school and who are not attending, as opposed to those who have not registered at all and are of school going age. The WCED can only take responsibility for children who are registered at our schools. But of course we also place a high priority on ensuring that learners do not drop out of school in the first place. Retention is a key strategic objective of the WCED.

To limit drop-outs we start at the beginning by ensuring that learners in primary school can read, write and calculate at the appropriate levels. Career guidance in Grades 8 and 9 encourages learners to make the right subject choices for matric and to choose the study pathways best suited to them. The WCED is also implementing a range of measures to support learners at risk of dropping out in Grade's 10 to 12. We have structured after-school programmes, learner-late-coming, absenteeism and truancy rates are

monitored and there is a focus on decreasing this as well because they are often early signs that a learner may drop out.

We also provide learners with support services and programmes. In addition we provide learners with social and psychological support, depending on their individual needs and reasons for dropping out, for example, pregnancy, gangsterism, drug abuse and learners with socio-economic challenges. Our objective is to ensure that as many learners as possible make it to matric and succeed in the NSC because they can get progressed all the way through school but they cannot get progressed through matric. They have to pass.

So we have done our best to try and keep our learners in school and give them the best possible opportunity. This is why in the 2017 NSC the Western Cape retained 12,8% more learners in the system than Gauteng and 22% more learners than the Free State.

(b) We can only assist with registering learners in schools that we know about. If they are not registered the Department of Social Development is responsible for identifying the learners and bringing them to our attention where the WCED will then assist with placement. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I see the hon member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker and thank you to the hon Minister for touching actually on the core of the question. It may

have looked a little bit dubious but it concerned more drop-outs as she has rightly emphasised also vis-à-vis then placement. It is more about the drop-outs. Thank you, hon Minister for that.

Addressing learner drop-outs and keeping our young individuals in schools across the province remains pivotal to ensuring the success of our province's future. Learner drop-outs increase the unemployment rate. As of 2017 about 70% of the nearly five million unemployed South Africans are aged between 15 and 34 years. The sad reality is that about 60% of jobless South Africans do not have secondary level education and have not worked for the past five years.

Reasons why the learners have left school include drug abuse, crime and gangsterism, learners in Grade 8 and 9 who want or need to start working, learners who do not want to adhere to the school's Code of Conduct, circumstances at home or learners who feel they are too old and they cannot keep up. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, unfortunately the interpellation is about what the Department does with kids that are not at school. Seeing that the Chair has now corrected it, he was referring to drop-outs, it is a bit difficult to participate, however Chair if I am also then allowed, we all know that there have been learners that were not taken up this academic year. We have

raised the issue with the MEC: how many of those learners have not been taken up thus far and what are the programmes in place to also keep them on the same level as the other learners that are currently at school?

I know there was a figure that we had given when we raised this point but maybe the question should be, were all learners who applied to be at school this academic year taken up into the system? Maybe that should be the question I should pose to the MEC: whether those were taken up and if they were taken up, what kind of programmes were there in place to bring them on par because we are now writing final exams and one would really want to understand what was the support given to those learners?

In fact also the drop-out rate, Madam Speaker. If we go there, at least 78%, 70 plus per cent is what is in the annual report, is the retention rate and obviously a 20% drop-out rate. What are the interventions to keep those learners and what do we do in terms of those learners who have dropped out of school?

The last point I want to just raise here, Madam Speaker, is whether the MEC would agree that some of those drop-out rates at this school are caused by firstly, the whole issue of the class ratios which is 1 to 50 above in your Quintiles 1 and 3, which obviously the excuse is there is no money. Maybe the Minister should be as innovative as she was with bringing the Bill that we rejected ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Olivier, your time has expired. Kindly finish up.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... and consider the issue of ratios at school.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I may just add that in the Western Cape we try our utmost to ensure that pupils retain the requisite level of literacy and numeracy at a young age and the WCED also regards it to be of great importance. Pupils who do not attain these levels often do not complete their schooling and end up losing self-respect and opportunities for being economically productive members of society, to latch onto what you have said now.

This is one of the greatest challenges that we are faced with in the Western Cape and in South Africa and I think we should take note because I am going to repeat the sentence. This is one of the greatest challenges that we are faced with in the Western Cape and in South Africa. More needs to be done to ensure that education departments are prioritising learner literacy and numeracy at an early age. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I see hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: I want to maybe make a recommendation to the MEC to consider, I am not sure if it is transversal ...

The SPEAKER: Kindly speak to the Chair please, hon Olivier. Thank you.

Mr R T OLIVIER: The Department of Education with Social Development and NGOs lodge a campaign in the beginning of the year to visit our communities, particularly our informal settlements and so on, just to establish who is of school going age and maybe allocate funding therefor so that we can identify who is not at school and who can be supported. Obviously I know this Department does not really want to reach out.

You know in the old days we visited a school with the Chair where the principal said he still doing the old style of education, going into a community when he saw his learners were not at school to ascertain what the challenges were at home and make sure that that learners came back to school. I think surely the Department can consider looking at such an approach, not doing it yourself MEC because I know you will not want to do it yourself, but to consider if there are NGOs in ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Olivier, your time has expired.

Mr R T OLIVIER: ... communities to assist in identifying those children and get them to school.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Kivedo.

Mr B D KIVEDO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think that truancy may be

an indicator or can actually chart the route for drop-outs because it becomes constant. It starts as one day out of school, later on a week, later a month and that can eventually lead to permanent drop-out. So I take my cue from that. In many cases truancy is not just about bunking school. Many of these learners live and have been brought up in very difficult circumstances and need extra support.

Socio-economic circumstances certainly play a role as well as gangsterism and drugs but we too must consider the self-confidence of learners struggling to perform. No, it is not only about self-confidence, it is about self-concept, self-esteem and also the assertiveness or non-assertiveness but in any case say psychosomatic and psycho-social problems that come into the equation here. So they struggle to perform in school and they battle to keep up with their class mates and the playing fields are not level and the competition becomes nasty at times. Learners who have not been taught the basics of reading, calculating and writing will certainly find it difficult in the years ahead.

The WCED therefore needs to ensure, and as we heard it is the case that each young learner has the opportunity to learn both basics and have the skills and ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Kivedo your time has expired. Please finish up.

Mr B D KIVEDO: ... self-confidence to move forward in their school career.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I see the hon, the Minister.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This debate certainly has taken a few turns that are not quite related to the question but I do not have the statistics regarding the drop-out rates that hon Olivier is wanting. The problem with drop-out rates also is that we do not know how many people go from school into TVET. So they may have dropped out of school but they may have gone onto a TVET college and that is an issue that I think between us and the Department of Higher Education, which is National, we do need to try and work on to ensure better alignment.

But that is also what we are doing with regard to our Apprenticeship Game-Changer where we are working with economic opportunities to try and ensure that we have a pipeline of learners who are able to go from school, get the required marks to go into apprenticeships and then go onto TVET college.

We cannot go running around looking for people who are not in school but we do have truancy officers for people who are supposed to be in school and as a result of those truancy officers from our Safe Schools field workers, about 70 to 80% of truants do return to school. We do also have a relationship with Social Development who have got social workers in communities who also do inform us and then we ensure that they are put into school.

Hon member Olivier was talking about admissions. Now those are the statistics that I do not have right now. That was not the question but whenever we do have additions that are late, we always do ensure that there are catch-up programmes for those learners. But how about this for an idea. Maybe parents should actually register their children of school going age at schools. So let us also do a campaign for that I think. We have got campaigns for learner registration every year and I do think it is improving slightly in certain respects in that parents are registering earlier. We know about the over-crowded schools and the over-crowded classrooms and it is not an excuse about money. That is the reality. I cannot spend money I do not have on teachers. I am very pleased to say that it does appear ...

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister, you can finish up please.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION: Can I finish my sentence? It does appear that there is now at last some realisation at a national level of the learner number increases and hopefully we will get some relief but it is not nearly enough. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. We now move to Interpellation 2 which is the hon Gillion to the Minister of Health. I see the hon, the Minister.

Khayelitsha District Hospital: service components under pressure

2. Ms M N Gillion asked the Minister of Health:

(a) Which service components are under pressure at the Khayelitsha District Hospital and (b) what steps has she taken to address them?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Thank you, hon member Gillion for asking this question again. I think the last time was 10 May and 30 August. It shows that there is still more that we need to communicate about Khayelitsha. Regarding the service components; the emergency centre due to the high prevalence of violence and injuries; internal medicinal services due to the high prevalence of HIV, TB and chronic diseases of lifestyle; in the nursery, due to high birth-rates where we have got more than 300 deliveries per month; mental health services due to the high prevalence of substance abuse.

Since July we have increased our beds. Khayelitsha was built with 300 beds. Since July we have increased it by 30 beds. In September, we increased by another 10 beds. In October, we increased by 15 beds so it means we have now got 55 beds in addition to the 300.

In addition to that, in the pipeline, a 72-hour mental health unit which will comprise of 32 beds. That still needs to be built but currently we have got an interim mental health unit that has been established. Three specialists have been appointed since July, 11 professional nurses are in the pipeline but not all of them have been appointed.

Again, the CT scan that we have is now operational, meaning that patients do

not have to go to Tygerberg to get a scan and then come back and it makes it quicker for diagnosis.

The Blood bank which is now on-site allows the doctor to get the blood results quicker. There are night nursing staff so that there is someone there at night. The EC people no longer have to wait in the EC, especially those with a yellow or green status. There is an out-patients department. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Hon Minister. I see hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. According to a report in one of the newspapers, the Western Cape Department of Health confirmed that the hospital was over-burdened with high patient numbers and at times operating at 130% bed occupancy. Although you have increased the bed rate complaints are coming in about Khayelitsha Hospital every day, MEC.

Now, Madam Speaker, I want to repeat my words that history has no blank pages. And I want to take the MEC back to a period, and it was confirmed by Dr Perez in the questions that were posed to him in our Committee meeting when we had the Department and Khayelitsha Hospital brought in front of the Committee. He said this fragmented delivery of service in the Health Department has put more pressure on Khayelitsha Hospital.

Now I want to go back in history and I want the Minister to be very clear on this question because if we go to the rural areas, you do not get this. Because

the rural areas have adhered to the core of the incorporation of your clinic services into the Western Cape Health Department. Since 2009 MEC, when the DA took over this Western Cape, it was only the City of Cape Town that is still dealing with clinics and this is one of the issues that I have raised in all our annual reports since I came here in 2014. It was confirmed by a senior member of this Department that that is one of the reasons why we are sitting with these service delivery issues at Khayelitsha Hospital and Mitchells Plain and others in the City of Cape Town. My question is MEC, how serious are you in holding this Department accountable in making sure before the end of this term, that the City of Cape Town will be incorporated within the Western Cape Health Department because you MEC will go down in this history ...

The SPEAKER: Hon Gillion, your time has expired. Thank you.

Ms M N GILLION: ... you will go down in history.

The SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, your time has expired. Thank you. I see the hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In terms of Khayelitsha Hospital it is unfortunately experiencing a high burden of disease and what contributes is also that the community has grown significantly over the past six years, mainly in the area of the informal settlements, in Spine Road and Baden Powell areas. Mfuleni has been added in the drainage area of Khayelitsha Hospital and this was pitched to the Committee by the

Department of Health and this has increased the service pressures in terms of the rapid growth of the informal settlements and there are legitimate high expectations and increased scrutiny and pressure from social organisations which have resulted in high profile and often negative media coverage.

This was also pitched by the Board that was present when the Department presented and this has led to a lowering of morale amongst staff members and high turn-over rates in some areas. Hon Minister, if you can speak to this.

Dr Engelbrecht also indicated that the hospital is under continuous pressure and that the staff are working extremely hard and earlier on from the oversight that we did at the hospital; what we witnessed there and what my experience was is that the staff, with the hard pressure that they are working under, are amazing staff and the clinicians at the Khayelitsha Hospital are doing their absolute best to serve the people of Khayelitsha and the surrounding areas.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that what they said you must say? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please.

Ms L J BOTHA: Madam Speaker, am I speaking or is he speaking? In the Khayelitsha community the management of the City and the Province have also sat together and worked out a very detailed response plan ...

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Botha. Your time has expired.

Ms L J BOTHA: ... on the diarrhoea and respiratory [Inaudible.] and I would like to ask the Minister in terms of this response plan ...

The SPEAKER: You can have another ...

Ms L J BOTHA: ... to speak to the service pressures.

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon Botha. I see hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to remind this House that history has no blank pages. When the planning for Khayelitsha Hospital was done, we still had the Jooste Hospital. The Jooste Hospital ghost will haunt us in this province. It was an application for one hospital and at the end we got two hospitals. We have got Mitchells Plain Hospital and we have got Khayelitsha Hospital.

Jooste Hospital also had a trauma unit that was working very well but had to be closed, to be neglected. Still today there is no replacement and MEC, we want to know about the plans because when those two hospitals were in the planning phase, it was also planned for when the population would grow.

Then we come to the issue of staff. Member Botha said they received a report that staff are very happy but there is a staff member that has been fired

without disciplinary hearings after being accused of being rude to a colleague. There are allegations of the HR manager that has been fired because †hy wil nie doen wat vir hom gesê word om te doen nie. [he does not want to do what he is told to do.] There are allegations in that hospital that staff are being treated badly and threatened, †amper soos in die *military* ... [almost like in the military...]

The SPEAKER: Member Gillion, your time has expired.

Ms M N GILLION: ... †as hulle nie doen wat van hulle verwag word nie. [if they do not do what is expected of them.] So I want the MEC to give us a guarantee that she will investigate this.

The SPEAKER: Thank you member Gillion. I see the hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Dr Perez also in the presentation said that the hospital has a total of 466 000 patient contacts since January 2012 and then also I want to speak to the 1 000 compliments reported compared to the 100 complaints reported and if you can speak to what the nature of the 100 complaints received are ...

The SPEAKER: Order, please members.

Ms L J BOTHA: ... and the nature also of the 1 000 in summary perhaps, of the compliments received, and when are the peak times that the hospital is

overburdened? The hospital received a gold award for the best functioning pharmacy, how does this translate into the service rendered at the Khayelitsha Hospital? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Sure people are dying [Inaudible.] compliments!

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Dyantyi it is hon Gillion's turn to speak, not yours. Thank you. You may proceed hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think that all of us must take this very seriously. Every single day there are complaints from the community who must lie on the floor. There are complaints from the community who are sitting there from the morning until the next day until they are being attended to. These are facts in Khayelitsha Hospital. And it must not be a political ball game. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order.

Ms M N GILLION: This must not be a political ball game. [Interjection.] When the Department was called to appear before the NCOP to answer some questions, they refused. But in this Legislature, National Ministers are called to committees but then there is no political player.

Madam Speaker, I want to Minister to tell us really, seriously, what are the plans to improve the basic conditions for the community in that hospital and

also the issue of the hospital board. I raised this on many occasions, I raised it even in the APP. If your hospital board, your liaison between your community and the Department is not intact, if they are not trained, there is no oversight for the community at this hospital. The MEC must be clear on this. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon member Gillion. I see the Minister?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: For two minutes. I do agree with the member that you must take politics out of the hospital because it is very important for the people. People are sick and therefore we need to be civil about how we deal with these issues. Now we cannot come and demoralise the staff who are already under stress. I must also indicate that Khayelitsha actually enjoys the best clinical leadership ... [Interjections.] and [Inaudible.]. The health outcomes of the Khayelitsha ...

The SPEAKER: Order please. Order please, hon member Magaxa.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: The problem is I have only got two minutes. [Interjections.] Compared to other health outcomes at a district level, actually it is doing very well but the issues with the community come from where we have got more sick people and the issue of the social determinants, substance abuse and the alcohol impacts and all of those.

Indeed the staff are really under stress but under the circumstances they do as

much as they can do. The issue about the fragmentation. When we talk about things, we need to come up with things that are based on facts. I have mentioned now in terms of health outcomes, the issue of referring to the newspapers when the Committee had an opportunity to challenge whatever we presented to them. For example the issue related to HR, that there was no disciplinary, it is not true. The Committee can invite us, as they have already done.

The issue of the fragmentation in terms of the City, I think twice the Committee invited the City of Cape Town, they never came. So the Committee invited the City of Cape Town to respond. They can respond now and indicate whether they ever came, they never came. [Interjections.]. On the NCOP, again, we need to understand the legislation and the rule of law because we do know the NCOP Select Committee actually overstress themselves in terms of their responsibility. We have to look in terms of how the Act works.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Minister. If you could finish up, your time has expired.

The MINISTER OF HEALTH: Now going forward I think the member should ask another question about the Jooste Hospital. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much. That is the end of Interpellations, we will now deal with questions as printed on the Question Paper and the first

question is from the hon Magaxa to the hon, the Premier, Premier Zille.

[Debate concluded.]

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

New questions to the Premier:

Apartheid spatial planning

1. Mr K E Magaxa asked the Premier:

Whether her Government has put any measures in place in the past nine years to reverse the legacy of apartheid's spatial planning to provide affordable and inclusive housing on well-located pockets of land close to job opportunities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

†INKULUMBUSO: Ulumnkile bhuti.

[The PREMIER: You are wise brother.]

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Let me get my translation.

The PREMIER: It is indeed important, in fact essential, Madam Speaker, to

restructure the apartheid city and apartheid spatial planning and that must be done in at least two ways. By building more affordable homes closer to where people work and also by encouraging economic activity and planning for it, closer to where people live.

There is not enough land, even if we use every hectare to build enough affordable or less expensive housing near the inner city. Any strategy to deal with the apartheid spatial legacy also has to address the issue of public transport, cheap, safe and efficient and as this House knows we subsidise Golden Arrow Bus Service for example by close to R1 billion a year. The collapse of our rail services through the mismanagement of PRASA, as a result of cadre deployment at the highest level is nothing short of a complete disgrace. So the restructuring of an apartheid city depends also on excellent transport systems.

The Western Cape Government is currently driving a multitude of housing projects to address the spatial planning legacy left behind by apartheid and create integrated communities and I for one, have always, certainly before I became Premier, lived in integrated communities. One of the largest and most complex of these projects is called “The Conradie Better Living Model Game-Changer”. This unique R3 billion development is very well located in terms of commercial and industrial opportunities and transport hubs and living environment on the 22 hectare Government-owned old Conradie Hospital site, which will provide 3 602 residential units of which 1 764 will be grant subsidised and the rest will be available on the open market.

The knock-on effect of the development will be the upgrading of surrounding roads, infrastructure and public transport. Let us hope that Metrorail is up to the task and will deliver on its undertakings. The fact that it will be located close to public transport also means it will provide an opportunity for workers in the area to live close to their place of work. Two new schools will also be included in the development.

The Somerset precinct, close to the V&A Waterfront, has also received the green light for affordable housing. This will bring affordable housing right to the heart of Cape Town, to one of South Africa's most valuable state-owned properties. Tragically there are significant obstacles to progress on the site because of the invasion of the old Helen Bowden Nurses Home and the fact that this has now deeply polarised the community both living in Helen Bowden, which has been accompanied by acts of violence and other social pathologies, and the fact that the land was mysteriously transferred to the National Laboratory Services without the true owners knowing about it.

Further afield in Belhar and conveniently adjacent to key educational institutions such as CPUT, UWC and Northlink College and the Bellville CBD, the Western Cape Government is constructing a total of 4 188 units over three phases which will be completed in 2022.

In total there are 23 000 social renting housing units and 19 000 affordable ownership projects in the planning pipeline over the next ten years, in Cape Town and eleven non-metro towns with a total value in excess of R7 billion.

However we could deliver many more affordable housing opportunities if National Government made available some of the mega properties that they own that are close to the CBD such as Culemborg, Ysterplaat, Youngfield, Wingfield and Denel Properties and also of course the Transnet land parallel to the N1 coming into Cape Town.

Almost 100 000 units would be possible on just the main properties that I have mentioned and even to house a full half of the families needing affordable housing, that would be enough according to the Cape Town Housing Demand Database. So it would make an enormous dent in the database to have access to those state-owned properties owned by the Department of Defence and National Public Works. Mr Secretary I think the Speaker is trying to get hold of you.

The SPEAKER: It is fine, do not worry. Thank you, hon Premier.

The PREMIER: The old Woodstock Hospital has been offered for sale to the City of Cape Town for 10% of its market value for the construction of social housing. We were very distressed to see that no progress has been made there. The Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works is now awaiting confirmation from the City of Cape Town of the offer to purchase and then the final steps will be taken to transfer the property into the name of the City of Cape Town.

Unfortunately this site has now also been invaded which will be a massive

set-back to our attempts to develop that for affordable housing. Woodstock is well located, relative to the city centre and surrounding areas in terms of job opportunities and will support the integration of communities and Woodstock Hospital is just opposite the house that I lived in for many years in Earl Street, Woodstock.

A minimum of 302 units are to be constructed on the Helen Bowden site in Green Point. The Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works has received the necessary authorisations from the City of Cape Town in terms of the rezoning application. However before a call for development proposals can be issued, vacant occupation of this site is required so the affordable housing there will take a very long time if we find it difficult and if the people who have occupied that site are determined to block the development of affordable housing there. The Province is currently going through the necessary engagement in processes in this regard.

Unfortunately we have also been massively retarded by other land invasions, and of course as soon as people occupy land that they do not have any right to occupy, and often those people have had a housing opportunity before, but either sold or given away or rented out that housing opportunity then they cannot benefit again and such people seldom want to move to make way for people who are legitimate beneficiaries in a particular housing project. So we would have made complete progress.

Joe Slovo should have been finished in 18 months, ten years later we are

struggling on, drip by drip trying to deal with a plethora of problems, primarily related to individuals who refuse to move because they are not beneficiaries on that site and having to take us through many of the court proceedings. Boys Town has taken us 20 years, also because of community conflicts and so I can go on. We have the absolute political will to do these projects, we want to do them, we are committed to doing them and if we had the co-operation from other players in the game, we would be able to do it much more quickly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see the hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, hon Premier for your response but I also just want to check because I remember that the previous Mayor of City of Cape Town identified land here in the CBD which was earmarked for that. What is the state of that development now?

The PREMIER: There are several sites in the CBD, from Top Yard to Artscape and everything in between. Could the hon member be a bit more specific?

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: The previous Mayor of the City of Cape Town identified land here in Long Street, to be specific.

The PREMIER: Long Street?

Mr K E MAGAXA: She referred to near Long Street. I do not know the erven in town but all I know is that there was land identified by the previous Mayor of the City of Cape Town and according to her millions were to be spent in a development for people earning less than R700 per month.

The PREMIER: There is no category of housing, except RDP housing or BNG housing that caters for people earning less than R700 a month. So I think the hon Magaxa has got his stats completely wrong. Also there is no vacant land in Long Street, as far as I know and certainly no vacant that is the kind of size that would enable affordable housing to be built. Because if there was an erf, it would mean for affordable housing to be built, it would have to be pretty close to a skyscraper and then the units would no longer be affordable because those cost an enormous amount of money without cross subsidisation opportunities. So unless the hon member can be more specific, I am afraid I cannot answer his question.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Magaxa?

Mr K E MAGAXA: I did not say vacant land. It does not have to be vacant land. We have also, under your Government, sold land here. Then you sold the hospital. There are buildings here that are owned by the Government, they can be sold. I mean they can be bought for this Government for the development of housing. But let us leave that. With all the projects that you

have mentioned exactly when are these projects to be started or executed by the Government?

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier?

The PREMIER: They have all been started, Madam Speaker. Quite a long time ago. In fact I set out at the weekend the processes required to be undergone and it has taken almost four years of flat-out work to get where we are on the Conradie Better Living Game-Changer.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. No more follow-ups? That is Question 2 to the Premier, also by the hon Magaxa. I see the Premier.

Private functions at the Premier's official provincial residence, Leeuwenhof

2. Mr K E Magaxa asked the Premier:

- (1) In terms of what authority may the Premier allow private functions after hours at her official provincial residence, Leeuwenhof;
- (2) whether she had allowed an after-hours function at Leeuwenhof in the last week of September 2018 that involved learners; if so, (a) what was the nature of the function, (b) who attended the function and (c) whether any alcohol was consumed at the function?

The PREMIER: (1) The Department of Public Works; 2 (a) and (b) a matric farewell party attended by matric pupils and their partners. (c) Yes, that is my understanding. The event had adult supervision in the form of alumni of the school and an organising committee of prefects who were responsible for ensuring the conditions of the event permit were adhered to.

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: I do not get the specific answer to this question, Madam Speaker. Who attended the function and was alcohol was consumed there? I did not get the specific answer.

The PREMIER: I answered every single one of those questions. He obviously was not listening.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. I see hon member Mitchell.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon Premier, you have allowed Leeuwenhof to be used for private functions in the past. How does this impact on the taxpayers who fund Leeuwenhof?

The PREMIER: Yes, Madam Speaker, Leeuwenhof is a publically funded building and I therefore try to be as generous as possible with the appropriate use of Leeuwenhof for public purposes. For example, people will know that when the Oranjezicht Market could no longer function on its premises, I

opened Leeuwenhof so that a lot of people would continue to keep their jobs and every, I think it was Saturday, we used to have the market in Leeuwenhof and we used to create conditions in which people could come and buy and sell and it was a huge success. It was very sad for me when they finally found another venue.

I have allowed many fundraising functions such as a major art auction for the Red Cross Children's Hospital, which raised a lot of money, My Child Has Cancer Trust, has the annual function at Leeuwenhof. There are many, many functions that I allow at Leeuwenhof because I do believe that it is right to do so because it is not a private property.

There are very strict protocols that are followed and those protocols require filling in forms from the Department of Public Works, notifying neighbours, doing absolutely everything that the forms require, getting permissions, adhering to the permissions, having disaster management arrangements on the scene and everything and everybody knows that. When people have private functions in Leeuwenhof I warn them that everything is for their own account, everything and that does not have additional expenses for the state. It just means that the beautiful work that is done there by people and the beauty of the surroundings can be enjoyed by more people. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Sorry hon member Uys. Hon member Magaxa, hon member Uys was on his feet earlier.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, thank you Madam Speaker. If I understood the Premier correctly under (c), the question whether any alcohol was consumed at the function, she said yes. Premier, how could you allow that; you cannot just distance yourself from what is happening at Leeuwenhof and I also believe that it went right through the night and it was not only the boys, and I am linking it up to (b), I think it was Rondebosch Boys High but they also had lady partners there, girls in matric, Grade 11, Grade 10. How did they actually leave in a safe way going home or did they all sleep there the night and how could you allow alcohol being consumed by matrics at Leeuwenhof?

An HON MEMBER: They are actually under age.

The SPEAKER: Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: I had an assurance beforehand that measures would be in place by the committee of prefects and the alumni that that would be strictly monitored on the permit. It puts everything that was required and the application is very clear; the conditions of the permit were adhered to as far, as I am aware, including the time when the music was supposed to be switched off was actually two hours before the time. They had a permit to continue the music till four o'clock in the morning. It was switched off at two o'clock in the morning. Most of the young people were either fetched by their parents or took Ubers home and I am absolutely assured that no-one drove a motor vehicle after having drunk, leaving Leeuwenhof.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon member Magaxa, this is the fourth follow-up, the last one.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am extremely - I just want the Premier to confirm this quite clearly. As a parent who have allowed a function of underage, because matriculants are under age.

Mr D MITCHELL: Not all of them. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: By and large, by and large matriculants are under age, are under 18 years of age. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order please. [Interjections.] Order!

Mr K E MAGAXA: The matriculants are under age of 18, 17, 16. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat please.

Mr K E MAGAXA: My own son graduated at 15... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Please take your seat, hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Now you are telling me... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat please.

[Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: You are telling me... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Hon member Magaxa, kindly take your seat please. I cannot have hon member Mitchell and hon member Nkondlo and whoever else is involved in a debate that is so loud that it is actually drowning out hon member Magaxa's question to the Premier. It is unacceptable from both sides of the House. You may proceed, hon member Magaxa.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am just checking, hon Premier, being a grown-up responsible citizen, you allow under age - age of 16, 17 - children... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What is the question?

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...to consume alcohol under your nose. How would we trust you with our children, let alone the nation if as a parent you are able to confirm that under your nose you allowed children to consume alcohol? You organised a party with all the alcohol in front of the children? [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Magaxa. Hon Premier.

The PREMIER: That is a 100% untruth, Madam Speaker, a 100% untruth. I would never allow children under age to drink alcohol if I was there. Last year my same grandson was at another school dance and he said could they come for pre-dance drinks at Leeuwenhof and I said absolutely certainly, but because they were in Grade 11, I checked and there were some under-age kids there and I said, no alcohol. This year I was given the assurance that most of the matrics are over 18 and that there would be a committee that would ensure that the conditions of the permit were adhered to. We checked with parents of the school who were satisfied that the conditions would be adhered to. I am sure some of the partners may well have been under age but then I presume that their parents would deal with it, like I am sure the hon Dugmore did with his daughter, Aleya Dugmore, who I hope had a very nice time at the event and I hope he was a responsible parent and made sure that she got home because it... [Interjections.] Believe me, believe me I have only just started with you, hon member Dugmore, because what goes around, hon member Dugmore, comes around, and karma is a bee with a very big itch; a very big itch. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Is that a threat? Was that a threat?

The PREMIER: Karma is real, believe me, so... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr B D JOSEPH: Be careful what you say to [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

An HON MEMBER: Karma does not... [Inaudible.]

The PREMIER: So the bottom line is that I did my responsibility, I ensured that all... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Order please, hon member Joseph. You are loud.
[Interjections.]

The PREMIER: I ensured that all the permits were properly adhered to.
[Interjections.] I ensured that all the steps were adhered to. I spoke to adults who were preparing this particular event from the music through to the other arrangements. Parents were on the property inspecting beforehand. They had a committee ... [Interjection.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: But there was a complaint from the community
[Inaudible.]

The SPEAKER: Order please hon member Magaxa, you had your opportunity to ask the question. The Premier is responding.

Mr K E MAGAXA: But she does not answer.

The PREMIER: And the manipulation and abuse that the honourable, the

Leader of the Opposition and other members of the Opposition try to get political points from abusing children at an after-party of a matric dance, is disgraceful.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. That is the end of that question. [Interjections.] We now move... order please members. We now move to Question 6... [Interjection.] Hon member Magaxa, please compose yourself. Question 6 is the hon member Simmers to Minister Bredell. I see the Minister.

Questions standing over from Thursday, 27 September 2018, as agreed to by the House:

Unemployed farm workers

6. Mr T A Simmers asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (a) What type of drought assistance has the Oudtshoorn Municipality applied for from the province, and
- (b) What is the monetary value of the required assistance?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Baie dankie agb Speaker en baie dankie aan die agbare lid vir die vraag.

Die Oudtshoorn Munisipaliteit het deur middel van besigheidsplanne vir die

volgende droogte-ondersteuning van die Departement aangevra: Dysselsdorp; Varkieskloof en Vermaakrivier, nuwe boorgate. Dysselsdorp en De Rust, 'n wateraanvullingsprojek. Die goedkeuring van die MIT-aansoek en die aanvullings in die aanvullingsbegroting onderhoudsbedrag van 20% is in Mei 2018 gedoen om water tussen die KKR Waterskema en De Rust te koppel. My Departement speel 'n kernrol in die beplanning, die bestuur en die oorsig van die MIT-projekte in die Wes-Kaap. Die Departement het hulp verleen ten opsigte van die aansoek vir droogtehulp vanaf die Nasionale Tesourie Nasionale Rampbestuur vir 'n noodwaterpyp van die Blossoms-projek ondergrondse waterbron in Oudtshoorn in Augustus 2018 ter waarde van R30 miljoen, en dan die ontplooiing van 'n ingenieur van die Departement, mnr Chris Koch, wat in die tussentyd ook aansoek gedoen het en aangestel is in Oudtshoorn.

Die (b) gedeelte van die vraag, aan die agbare lid, die monetêre waarde van die aangevraagde ondersteuning. Die eerste gedeelte, Dysselsdorp, Varkieskloof en Vermaakrivier, nuwe boorgate: R970 000; die Dysselsdorp / De Rust wateraanvulling, R2,9 miljoen; die MIT-aansoek van die KKR Waterskemapylyn De Rust, R5,8 miljoen en dan die Oudtshoorn Munisipaliteit, die noodwaterpyplyn vanaf die Blossom tot in Oudtshoorn van Nasionale Tesourie, R30 miljoen. Die totaal van R39,7 miljoen. Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker and thank you to the hon member for the question.

Through business plans the Oudtshoorn Municipality requested the following drought relief support from the Department: Dysselsdorp; Varkieskloof and Vermaakrivier, new boreholes. Dysselsdorp and De Rust, a water replenishment project. The approval of the MIG application and the replenishments in the replenishment budget maintenance figure of 20% was done in May 2018 to link water between the KKR Water Scheme and De Rust. My Department plays a core role in the planning, management and oversight of the MIG projects in the Western Cape. The Department assisted with regard to the application for drought relief from the National Treasury, National Disaster Management for an emergency water pipe from the Blossoms project underground water source in Oudtshoorn in August 2018 to the value of R30 million, and then the deployment of an engineer of the Department, Mr Chris Koch, who in the meantime has also applied and has been appointed in Oudtshoorn.

The (b) part of the question, to the hon member, the monetary value of the support requested. The first part, Dysselsdorp, Varkieskloof and Vermaakrivier, new boreholes: R970 000; the Dysselsdorp / De Rust water replenishment, R2,9 million; the MIG application of the KKR Water Scheme pipeline De Rust, R5,8 million, and then the Oudtshoorn Municipality, the emergency water pipeline from the Blossom to Oudtshoorn from National Treasury, R30 million. The total of R39,7 million. Thank you.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Simmers.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Simmers.]

†Mnr T SIMMERS: Minister Bredell, baie dankie vir die antwoorde. Sal die hulp en die bystand wat u aan Oudtshoorn verskaf, sal dit deel vorm van 'n breër en groter plan om volhoubaar watervoorsiening aan die gebiede wat u so pas genoem het te voorsien, want ons is bewus daarvan dat met klimaatverandering die siklusse van droogte al hoe langer raak in die Sentrale Klein-Karoo-gebied, en 'n volhoubare plan is nodig vir hierdie gebiede. Dankie agb Minister.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr T SIMMERS: Minister Bredell, thank you for the replies. Will the aid and support that you are providing to Oudtshoorn form part of a broader and greater plan to supply water in a sustainable way to the areas that you have just mentioned, because we are aware that with climate change the cycles of drought are becoming longer in the Central Little Karoo area, and a sustainable plan is necessary for these areas. Thank you, hon Minister.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Minister.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Dankie, agb mnr die Adjunkspeaker, en

dankie aan die agbare lid vir die vraag. Al ons beleggings probeer ons doen in ons huidige waterplan. As ek dit sê dan wil ek vir die agbare lid sê dat ons besef dat die waterplan het nog sy tekorte en daarom is ons besig met ons nuwe waterplan. Ons kan nie bekostig om in wit olifante te belê nie, so ons moet in ons waterplan belê. Die gebied kry swaar onder droogte. Die hele Karoo, die gebiede se gemiddelde damvlakke is 18%. Ons moniteer dit baie noukeurig en in die volgende vraag sal ek ook van die volgende stappe noem wat ons besig is om te doen, dit geld nie net vir Oudtshoorn nie maar ook vir die breë Karoo-deel van Kannaland, Beaufort-Wes. Al die gebiede op hierdie stadium kry redelik swaar en ons is besig met verskeie projekte om eers hierdie fase te oorbrug, maar ook om in ons waterplan te belê om langtermyn volhoubare watersekuriteit te verseker.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for the question. We are trying to put all our investments in our current water plan. When I say that I want to tell the hon member that we realise that the water plan has its shortcomings and therefore we are busy with our new water plan. We cannot afford to invest in white elephants so we have to invest in our water plan. The area suffers heavily under the drought. The whole Karoo, the areas' average dam levels are 18%. We are monitoring it carefully and in the next question I will mention some of the steps that we are busy with, it does not only apply to Oudtshoorn but

also to the wider Karoo part of Kannaland, Beaufort West. All the areas are struggling at this stage and we are busy with several projects to bridge this phase first but also to invest in our water plan to ensure long term sustainable water security.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. My question is on Beaufort West. All of us are aware that of the drought, Beaufort West has experienced a severe drought in 2009, but now my question is, why is Beaufort West not being treated equally as Oudtshoorn on the budget, because the budget of Oudtshoorn is more than that in Beaufort West and we know that the people of Beaufort West, the community of Beaufort West, is drinking sewerage water. Why is it not being treated equally? Thank you. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and to the hon member, I think the statement that Beaufort West is drinking sewerage water is a bit unfair. They have got the first reclamation plant in South Africa.

An HON MEMBER: It is fresh.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: It is a project that they are very proud

of. It is recycled sewerage water that is so pure... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: This is not a joke actually [Inaudible.] [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But it is recycled, it is clean. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: No, it cannot stink. It is so clean and hon Chairperson, I can assure you that nobody in this province is drinking sewerage water. We monitor it very carefully. We are working with the Municipality. There must also be discipline because the Municipality must also explain why there is a 40% water loss. We need to get to grips with that. Currently the... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Day Zero.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...Oudtshoorn explains as well, everybody explains, and we have the responsibility to see to it that every

citizen in this province can live a life of dignity and therefore you need a certain amount of water. It is not easy to get there. We invest in several boreholes. We support Beaufort West. We have met last week with the municipal manager as well as the Mayor and we will keep on supporting them but we also need to bring discipline in the system. We need to determine about the 40% water loss because currently they have actually enough water if they just manage it correctly and longer term, obviously population growth and so forth, it is part of the longer term plan to secure water also for Beaufort West as it is for Kannaland and the surrounding areas.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, we move on. Is there another follow-up, hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am very disappointed with the MEC's response. He is standing here and bragging about the 39 boreholes. Those boreholes, 12 of them are not operational but now he is standing here and claiming about the boreholes in Beaufort West. They must just say that the DA does not care about Beaufort West and its people ...[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member.

Ms T M DIJANA: ...you do not care about the community of Beaufort West because in Beaufort West we are drinking sewerage water... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, hon member Dijana, you must ask a question; you must still... [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Every day there is no water at ten o'clock in Beaufort West but the MEC is not doing anything about it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! No, you are out of order now. This is the purpose: at this time you must ask a supplementary question relating to the question. The question relates to Oudtshoorn as far as I can see but if you want to frame the question again I will allow you that. Is there a question?

Ms T M DIJANA: I have, but the MEC is just running away from the Beaufort West story.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, then you have done your part. Thank you. Minister, if you want to respond to that you are welcome. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: I am not running away from any question. The ANC's pathetic ruling of Beaufort West is the cause of the problem [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: Ah please!

An HON MEMBER: Nonsense!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: ...and the 12 boreholes, the boreholes now... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: They asked the question; they do not want to hear the answer. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

†UNKsz T M DIJANA: Tula wena!

[Ms T M DIJANA: Keep quiet!]

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: We, as a province, have invested in boreholes that are currently running and it works. Your underground water, you need to understand it and you need to manage the underground water and sometimes people sink a borehole and they withdraw so much water that the other boreholes run dry. It is part of this whole problem. Beaufort West - from where I am standing - has still got a huge engineering and management problem that we need to sort out and I said it from the beginning, we realise

that we need to sort it out. Myself, and I will state it later on because there is another question on Oudtshoorn, the question was actually all on Oudtshoorn, not on Beaufort West, but I can assure you that... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, he is not seeing.

UNKsz T M DIJANA: Hayi suka!

[Ms T M DIJANA: No, go away!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Order! Minister Bredell, just one second. I did not pick up the meaning of the interjections there. Hon member Mngasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker †uthi ungandiqheli kakubi wena. She says: “Do not talk rubbish to me.”

An HON MEMBER: †Hayi [No] sit down!

Mr M MNQASELA: So the Hansard can help you [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: ...and what is also problematic Mr Deputy Speaker... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No, even I know that is not what it means.

An HON MEMBER: You do not know the meaning?

Mr M MNQASELA: What is important [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order! Please come to order.

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the point of order here, is that we must treat each other with respect.

An HON MEMBER: No, †wena [you] [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M MNQASELA: No amount of howling must help the Opposition...
[Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: You say they must not howl.

Mr M MNQASELA: ...in disrespecting this side of the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngqasela, I do not want to entertain a long discussion here... [Interjections.]

Mr M MNQASELA: It is not fair. She actually said more fouls...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will go back to Hansard and get the meaning of the interjection. I will come back to the House. You can take your seat. Hon member, you may proceed. Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, the problem - and I have to be quite honest with you, the hon member Simmers has asked the question on Oudtshoorn - I really cannot understand how any member of this Parliament can stand up today here and tell me that they drink sewerage water. That will be a criminal offence.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

An HON MEMBER: Exactly!

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: They should lay a charge, I mean we...
[Interjection.]

Ms T M DIJANA: What do you understand about that treatment? It is sewerage.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: But why have you not sent the complaint?

Ms T M DIJANA: Why are you not going to Beaufort West and drink that water?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: When there I will drink it any time. We drink it all the time.

Ms T M DIJANA: Go there and drink that water.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order!

Ms T M DIJANA: †Hayi suka wena! [No, you must go away!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member Dijana, order, order. Hon member Mnqasela, take your seat. Please take your seat. Please take your seat hon member Mnqasela. Minister, please take your seat. [Interjections.] Hon member Dijana, please come to order now and stop shouting across the floor of the House. I will check Hansard and if there is anything unparliamentary there I will come back to the House, but we cannot continue like this.

Ms M N GILLION: No man, you can also not make a joke out of this.

[Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mnqasela, I am also talking to you. Please contain yourself. Minister, I want to proceed and finish off this question. Are you done? [Interjections.] We then move onto the next question, which is Question 7, again hon member Simmers to Minister Bredell. [Interjections.]

Aquifer: Blossoms area south of Oudtshoorn

7. Mr T A Simmers asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- (a) Whether the drilling for the Peninsula Aquifer in the Blossoms-area south of Oudtshoorn is a programme initiated by the National Government or the Provincial Government, and
- (b) What are the relevant details?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Weereens aan die agbare lid Simmers, baie dankie. Die vraag was oor die Blossoms Projek. Die eerste gedeelte... [Tussenwerpsels.]

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Again to the hon member Simmers, thank you. The question was about the Blossoms Project. The first part... [Interjections.]]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Mngasela, order, order, order! We cannot continue like this. Please contain yourself, and the two ladies at the back the same applies to you. Minister, please proceed.

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Ek gaan met die toestemming van die Huis vir die agbare lid Simmers vra, want dit is 'n baie lang antwoord, dat ek so hier en daar dit net aanraak. Die eerste gedeelte is dat die Blossoms Projek, die Diepwater Watervoorsiening Projek, 'n befondsde projek van die Nasionale Departement van Water en Sanitasie is.

Die (b) gedeelte is die lang gedeelte. Net sommer vinnig: die Oudtshoorn Munisipaliteit benodig 'n bykomende waterbron. Ons almal weet dit en daar is baie navorsing gedoen ook deur Nasionaal. Die Blossoms Projek se Diepwater Watervoorsiening Projek is vir die voorsiening van grondwater aan die hele gebied. Die Departementshoofmaat Infrastruktuur Toekenningsprojek met die beraamde begroting van R200 miljoen is in 2013 goedgekeur as deel van die RBIC. Die konsultante en die kontrakteurs het die werk gestaak in Maart 2015 weens die Munisipaliteit wat sedert Desember 2014 nie hulle uitstaande fakture betaal het nie, so nou kan ons teruggaan en ons kan die

hele geskiedenis gaan oproep. Onthou die Munisipaliteit was toe onder administrasie geplaas en die projek het tot stilstand gekom. Nodeloos om te sê dat daar 'n klomp probleme was. Daar is 'n klomp vrae, ook dat die Munisipaliteit tussendeur gesê het hulle weet ook nie of daar eerstens genoeg water is wat hierdie kapitaalbelegging regverdig nie en dat daar 'n klomp studies gedoen moet word. Hulle was besig daarmee en tans waar ek hier staan is ek besig met Minister Nkwinti se kantoor om 'n perseelinspeksie te gaan doen sodat ons ons kan vergewis daarvan, want u sou gesien het hulle het weer R30 miljoen beskikbaar gestel sodat ons kan kyk of ons die water in Oudtshoorn kan kry. Ons kosteberaming is R80 miljoen so daar gaan 'n R50 miljoen tekort wees maar tussen my en die Nasionale Departement is ons besig om ons dagboeke te reël sodat ons in Oudtshoorn kan uitkom om 'n perseelinspeksie te doen. Met toestemming van die agbare lid sal ek graag die res van die vraag - hier is bietjie tegniese detail en die hoeveelheid water wat hulle tans kry, ensovoorts, is alles hierin vervat – agterna vir u wil inhandig, anders gaan hierdie vraag ons baie lank besig hou.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraphs follow.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: With the consent of the House I am going to ask the hon member Simmers, because it is a long reply, that I just touch here and there. The first part, the Blossoms Project, the Deepwater Well Field Project, is a National Department of Water and Sanitation funded project.]

The (b) part is the long part. Just quickly: the Oudtshoorn Municipality needs an additional water source. We all know it and a lot of research has been done, also by National. The Blossoms Project, the Deepwater Well Field Project is for the supply of ground water to the whole area. The Department's Main Infrastructure Grant Project with an estimated budget of R200 million was approved in 2013 as part of the RBIC. The consultants and the contractors stopped the work in March 2015 due to the Municipality not having paid its invoices since December 2014, so now we can go back and we can retrace the whole history. Remember that the Municipality was then placed under administration and the project came to a standstill. Needless to say that there have been a lot of problems. There are a lot of questions, also that the Municipality had said that they firstly do not know if there is enough water that justifies this capital investment and that a lot of studies will have to be done. They were busy with that and as I am standing here I am busy with Minister Nkwinti's office to go and do a site inspection so that we can verify that because you would have seen that they have again made R30 million available so that we can establish whether we can get the water in Oudtshoorn. Our cost estimate is R80 million so there will be a R50 million deficit, but between myself and the national Department we are organising our diaries so that we can get to Oudtshoorn to do a site inspection. With the consent of the hon member I would like to submit the rest of the question – there is some technical detail here and the volume of water they currently receive, etc. is also contained herein – later to you, otherwise this question is going to occupy us for very long.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Reg so, Minister. Is daar 'n opvolgvraag, agbare lid Simmers?

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is fine, Minister. Is there a follow-up question, hon member Simmers?]

†Mnr T A SIMMERS: Nee dankie. Ek weet dit gaan 'n baie lang antwoord wees so ek sal wag vir die antwoord, Minister. Ek het net een opvolgvraag vir u, Minister, die aanvang van die Blossoms Projek was in die jaar 1999 / 2000 so hierdie projek kom al amper 20 jaar aan en u het nou genoem dat die aanvanklike begroting was net-net oor die R200 miljoen. Gegewe dat hierdie projek in vyf fases ingedeel was, en hy is basies in 2015 gestaak, so basies kom hy al deur drie ANC of ANC en koalisie-regerende partye. Hoeveel van daardie R200 miljoen wat aanvanklik begroot was, is al bestee op 'n vrugtelose en nuttelose projek wat tans nog nie eers watervoorsiening inhou nie? Dankie.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[Mr T A SIMMERS: No thank you. I know it is going to be a long reply so I will wait for the reply, Minister. I have just one follow-up question for you. Minister, the inception of the Blossoms Project took place in the year 1999 / 2000 so this project has been coming along for almost 20 years, and you have just mentioned that the initial budget was just over R200 million. Given that this project was divided into five phases, and it was basically stopped in 2015, so basically it has been coming through three ANC or ANC and

coalition governing parties. How much of that R200 million that has initially been budgeted has been spent on a fruitless and useless project that currently does not even contain water supply? Thank you.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Minister.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.]

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Agbare mnr die Adjunkspeaker, om rêrig waarde toe te voeg tot die vraag dink ek dat ons dit by die Staande Komitee sal moet kom beantwoord, want 'n deel van hierdie geld, omdat daardie fakture nie betaal is nie, is ook in daardie forensiese ondersoek ingesluit, so ons sal daardie feite vir die agbare lid en sy hele Komitee beskikbaar moet stel en ek dink ons kan dan 'n meer indiepte debat hê oor die pad vorentoe.

[Translation of Afrikaans paragraph follows.]

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Hon Mr Deputy Speaker, to really add value to the question I think that we will have to come and answer to the Standing Committee, because a part of that money, because those invoices have not been paid, is also included in those forensic investigations, so we will make those facts available to the hon member and his whole Committee and I think we can then have a more in-depth debate on the way forward.]

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Dankie Minister. Ons gaan voort met die volgende vraag, Vraag 3, [Thank you, Minister. We proceed with the next question, Question 3,] New Questions, hon Botha to Minister Fritz. Minister Fritz.

New questions:

Support groups for recovering addicts

3. Ms L J Botha asked the Minister of Social Development:

What support groups exist in rural areas for recovering addicts who have completed rehabilitation?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The support to recovering addicts is given through aftercare services which are linked to the Department of Social Development's funded organisations and NPOs and community-based treatment services in the Western Cape. The biggest network of support services for addicts are through self-help groups like AA, die Afrikaanse Christelike Diens, the Al-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous. These self-help groups are usually run by recovering addicts and are self-funded. They also cover smaller towns across the province.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, no follow-up, hon Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Yes please. Minister, can you tell us what is the role of the

Local Drug Action Committee, if any, and if they are in existence for caring for recovering addicts in our rural areas.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you, hon member Botha, for that question. The Local Drug Action Committees are established throughout the province specifically linked to the municipalities and within any small town it is actually a statutory obligation from the municipality to establish the Local Drug Action Committee, called LDAC. In most cases they draw up a plan for intervention to deal with any form of substance abuse in a particular area. They also elect a Chairperson and a Committee Secretariat that deals at a local area; they work on the challenges of that particular local area and it is almost the whole idea of a community organisation that is established in terms of the Substance Abuse Act. They also impact on the IDP of municipalities and although it is very difficult to get any funding from municipalities, but they are linked to the municipalities through the IDPs and priorities are always given where funds are available to also look at the kind of support and treatment centres in that area. So it is a very, very important point.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, I think you must call me out of order if my question is not right, if the Minister can answer me, because the question is about the after-rehab programmes in the rural areas. Now my question to the MEC is more based on the issue of the Department and work

that is being done by the Department to make sure that we get more rehab centres in rural areas because at the moment if you look only - I am very passionate about this - at Toevlug in Boland; MEC, I was contacted by a parent that their child will only be allowed next year, late next year.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Gillion, just get to the question.

Ms M N GILLION: So my follow-up is just, is there a plan to bring more of that centres into the rural areas?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister Fritz.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is slightly a new question, but I think it is an important question that you are asking because in the Mossel Bay area for instance, also now with the decentralisation we are working with the Municipality and private funders. PetroSA apparently is also going to assist so set up some of these treatment centres, but I want to make the important point... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay, but you can just tell her that there is no plan, just say it, there is no plan; you do not have a plan. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Let him speak, please. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, you are welcome to continue. Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Absolutely, so perhaps he needs to go to one of our centres for psychiatric evaluation. [Interjections.]

The point you are making, hon member Gillion, is that that is exactly the point about why the LDAC become so important to identify those issues and you are right, the queues for waiting are long but we are really trying to also run our out-of-centre, outpatient treatment centres far more effectively and I must say to you I am very excited with the new person who has been appointed, I think for Social Development in the City and for Health. We understand the issues and in the City alone we will work and then move to the rural areas with a similar plan. I think you also reminded or came back to the point of the step-down programme, and the nice thing with the LDAC, the Local Drug Action Committee, it takes the whole continuum of services from the treatment right to the step-down, right to how do we link the new jobs, because we have seen the value of actually getting people into jobs, not relapsing. So I think it is an important point that we need to just work together and also create psychiatric treatment for hon member Dyantyi.

[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I just want to check with the Minister, on the West Coast, in all the five municipalities on the West Coast, is the LDAC in existence in those areas?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Yes, in most of

them, right up to Matzikama, and I have also taken the secretariat of the LDAC from the Department into the Ministry so that there can be some form of independence and independent kind of comments and observations can be made and not be linked to the Department and to the programme, because sometimes there can be some kind of cover-ups around that. I think that is an important point and then there was one other important point. To the hon member Dyantyi through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is exactly because of the Drug Master Plan that we are talking about that plan so the poor member must really get [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: So you do have a plan, ja.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He must go and read this stuff and go to some Committees to understand that.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon member Gillion must give him some education there.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Is that the National Plan?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: He needs education desperately.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister, you have made your point. [Laughter.] Order! We proceed. The fourth question I think will stand over or fall away in the absence of the Minister.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I must take you to a workshop first before I go to educate [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question 5, hon member Makeleni to Minister Fritz again. Minister Fritz.

New questions

[Question 4 from Ms S W Davids to the Minister of Human Settlements to fall away.]

NGO funding: criteria

5. Ms P Makeleni asked the Minister of Social Development:

(a) What criteria does his Department apply when granting funding to NGOs and (b) how does his Department deal with funded organisations' non-compliance?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is you again! Oh my word! Oh!

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Ja, ons werk vandag. [Yes, we are working today.] Thank you hon member Gillion, and unfortunately - I hope they watch it on television - the distortion of newspaper articles and specifically through the Independent Group... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you attacking the media again?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, order!

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Attacking the media!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: *The Cape Times* actually wrote / published by [Inaudible.] *The Argus* completely distorted; they phoned me and asked very nicely, they completely...

An HON MEMBER: Just do your work.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: We were never cutting and I will give you practical examples around what happened to five of those organisations. I will give you practical examples, but just to say it is

important to begin by stating that the successful registration of an NPO, when you register as an NPO with the Department of Social Development nationally, that does not mean and does not guarantee that you are going to get funding and anyone can *mos* now think the logic around that. To receive funding, the applying NPO needs to ensure the following:

- That its application is in response to a call for funding proposals in terms of the Department's three-year funding cycle;
- That its application responds clearly and directly to the services. Let me repeat for the hon member Kivedo, for the services and other specifications; so the very specific response for. So just to make it very clear. If I call for proposals for youth and I say what exactly in Youth Development, they must respond to that as to the criteria to qualify for funding and those specifications in the core for the proposals that we are talking about;
- And then thirdly, that its system of governance, financial management and other processes are functional and in place - are functional and in place.

Funding applicants and applications are considered in accordance with a business plan; not a Drug Action Plan that that man wants there at the back - a business plan and the necessary application forms submitted by the NPO. The Business Plans must speak directly to the services required by DSD. Now I think some of you are *au fait*. Before it was just a general thing and anyone just did what they wanted to. It must be services linked to us and specifically

with regard to work we are doing.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Ons sê baie dankie, baie dankie. U kan maar nou sit.

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: We say thank you, thank you very much. You can sit now.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, I think I actually agree with you. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Maybe I should assist the Minister.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Ja, please, please!

Ms P MAKELENI: The particular NGO I am talking about is in De Doorns. It is operating in the building outside the municipal building because they do not have the venue. They do not have access to the venue but they have listed the Municipality as their address and secondly this matter was brought to the Minister's attention in 2013.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: I am in the same [Inaudible.]. Jo, I wash my hands!

Ms P MAKELENI: In fact hon member Botha and hon member Mitchell can

vouch for me. This is what we pick up from the NGO we visit. So it has absolutely nothing to do with the media. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question?

Ms P MAKELENI: It has to do with something that we found ourselves on our oversight.

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Disgrace!] †Shame on you!

Ms P MAKELENI: So I wanted to understand if there was never a monetary evaluation in the past two years and since 2013, in fact, why this organisation keeps on getting money/funding from the Department?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member, you have made your point.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is an embarrassment.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Dyantyi, you are starting to irritate this Chair now by making comments all the time. Minister Fritz, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am answering the question that I see here in front of me. It asks what criteria

does this Department apply. She never says anything about De Doorns or any organisation. This is absurd nonsense! [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Skande!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: Disgrace!]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister, you have made your point. Hon Botha first and then I will see the hon member Makeleni again.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are not even answering the question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Minister, can you tell us what are the implications of NPOs being non-compliant for everyday residents and how does it affect them, if an NGO is non-compliant.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: I think there were a couple and let me deal with those, as I said I will speak to those five and one of the five came to us and let me name them, CAFDA, Cape Flats Development Association. They came to us and they said they are not going to provide or supply or give or provide any child protection services any more and so in other words all the time we funded them for child protection services they

decided they are not going to do those services, provide those services any more, and by the way, historically everyone who knows a bit of Grassy Park Cape Flats area will know there was a building called the CAFDA Building, for years, †almal daar op die... [Tussenwerpsel.] [everyone there on the ... [Interjection.]]

An HON MEMBER: 50 years.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: More than 50, on what is that road, St Georges Drive; they sold the building to a big insurance company for a lot of money.

An HON MEMBER: And where is the money?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: They moved to Schaapkraal far away from where people are living and then they say oh, they now want to do community development. So I asked them: “What does that mean? Oh, a bit of youth, nice to have...” and the point I want to make, we said no, we require the service that we need. There were huge protests from Lavender Hill from Grassy Park around them selling the building. Then they are the first to run to the press and say we stopped their funding. Well, we did stop their funding. We do not apologise for it, if they give that, but to get to you, Madam, when you are not financially compliant, because the AG also goes and checks on this - we are probably the only where the AG goes to 300 of our organisations – if not financially administratively compliant, I am sorry,

we do not fund you. We stop it immediately. We first help you and try and become compliant but if you are still not, then unfortunately, because we work with all these honourable taxpayers' money, who is sitting here. It is their money that is the funding. [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Just sit down now. You do not [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable!

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Do not let me swear at you, Mister.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The question still remains, the attention of this NGO was brought in front of the Minister in 2013.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: This is vociferous.

Ms P MAKELENI: ...and once again everything that he said is not being done in this particular NGO. It continues to receive money even though they do not comply. Now this is what I want to understand. What are they doing with those funding NGOs that continue to receive money from the Department?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Hon Chair, Mr Deputy Speaker, that is not part, but she must give me the name so I will check it myself and I will go stop the funding personally.

An HON MEMBER: But there is bearing, there is bearing on... [Interjection.]

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: It is not in here. Like when she asked for general criteria. [Interjections.]

Ms M N GILLION: What is the name of the question?

†Die MINISTER VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING: Waar is die name van die vraag?

[The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Where are the names of the question?]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, if you have concluded then I - are you done?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Yes. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We will then proceed to the next question, Question 6, hon member Uys to Minister Grant. [Interjections.]

†Mnr Q R DYANTYI: Dit is hopeloos!

[Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is hopeless!]

An HON MEMBER: So what! [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister Grant, you may proceed.

Arched bridges

***6. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

- (a) Where in the Western Cape have arched bridges been built;
- (b) How does the cost of an arched bridge compare with that of other bridges;
- (c) Why was it decided to build an arched bridge at Ashton and (d) at what cost?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I hope that my colleague has not annoyed the Opposition too much this evening. I just hope they calm down.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: We are actually waiting for you.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: But thank you to the hon Uys for the question. The response is as follows:

- (a) In terms of (a) the Provincial Road network has 15 arch bridges which are recorded on our Bridge Management System. These bridges are constructed in the following regional areas of the Western Cape: the Cape Winelands, the Garden Route, Overberg and the West Coast.
- (b) How does the cost of an arch bridge compare with that of other bridges? The costs associated with different bridge options are influenced by key design and constructability criteria which are project specific. Costs are therefore relative when comparing bridge options, for example a single-span arch bridge costs less than an equal span cable-stayed bridge but more than a multiple-span voided slab deck. Each option has its own specific application. For this project an arch bridge was appropriate given the single span length required.
- (c) In response to (c) why it was decided to build an arch bridge at Ashton. The arch bridge was the only technical solution that fully satisfied all the key design and constructability criteria; whilst providing risk mitigation benefits and an aesthetically pleasing solution. The criteria included hydraulic efficiency; construction flood risk, geometric alignment, traffic accommodation, aesthetics and constructability;
- (d) And then finally, at what cost? The estimated cost of the arch bridge at the time of the decision in March 2013 was R85 million. The total final cost of the bridge will only be available on completion of the contract.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb lid Uys.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys.]

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Thank you, hon MEC. You said the cost of the bridge was R85 million, R84 million in 2013. Now we are in 2019 almost. Of course the bridge is standing still now and that is another issue but I am sure you must have made some projection in terms of what is happening there, because getting to the question and that is part of that, the projection that you have made. Ask almost like any engineer, except the ones that designed that bridge, everybody is saying it is an overkill that took place there. It is too costly, it is not cost-effective and I would like to get your comment on that and where do we stand with that project at this moment for that specific bridge?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the bridge is not standing still. May I ask the member when he was last there? In fact one of our members... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You cannot ask, you cannot ask. [Inaudible.]
[Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: One of our members, we have a caretaker contractor who is making progress on the contract.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is a DA pal. That is a DA pal. That we know.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So that is it, and in terms of the cost of the contract that bridge is part of the total cost of the contract.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So historically it was that price and it is going to be a fantastic bridge when it is completed and that is the end of the answer to the question.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Not yet!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys.

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker that is the problem. It is a fantastic bridge, but it is an overkill bridge that you see there. I am sure if there was any proper oversight in this Cabinet, and I am looking at the MEC of Finance as well, they should have called you in Treasury... [Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, that is the worst!

Mr P UYS: ...because there is a major problem what is happening there. You can ask any engineer what is happening in Ashton. I mean if you look at that

construction in Ashton, when last were you there? I was there a week ago and that I can maybe ask you, there is nobody, hon MEC, working on that bridge, but you do not want to answer us what is the cost of that bridge. You must have done some projection. How do you budget, hon MEC, if there is no projection from 2013 to 2019?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you hon member Uys. Minister, you may proceed.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, a lot of assumption and hot air. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Oh, wow!

Mr P UYS: No-no-no, no-no-no!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And let me say there is no need to do a projection. It is part of the contract cost.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay, okay.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And let me say, your assumption, you know, that this is a glamorous overkill bridge [Interjection.]

Mr P UYS: Fantastic!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Ja, now let me give you the criteria for a tied arch bridge.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Hydraulic efficiency, double tick. This is the criteria one uses, and obviously what happens, Mr Deputy Speaker, as a result of a previous question from the hon member Uys, I think the hon member Uys, did you read my response?

Mr P UYS: I read everything. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: You did! Well, did you notice there were green ticks for every aspect of this bridge...
[Interjection.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Answer the question.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ...which led to the engineers making the solution that they did, thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Hinana.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: That is a poor answer.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Hinana. [Interjections.]

Mr N E HINANA: I heard correctly when you said that you have got 15 such bridges across the province. My question to you is for the same reason that that bridge was built in Ashton, is there any area where the same reasons exist that you can build the same bridge in those areas?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, to answer the question there are similar types of design with arches in order to carry weight or the stress of the road or the load it has to carry and everyone is site specific. So this bridge was built relative to the specific requirements at this location, but yes, to answer the member, there are a number of other bridges, 15 in all, and if you would like to know the bridge numbers and their locations I am very happy to give you a copy of it so you can go and see what is in our inventory of arch bridges in the Western Cape.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, your last opportunity.

Mr P UYS: Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. This project started at a cost of plus minus R700 million.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr P UYS: Where do we stand with the project now and when will it be concluded?

†Die MINISTER VAN PLAASLIKE REGERING, OMGEWINGSAKE EN ONTWIKKELINGSBEPLANNING: Jy het nie alles ge lees nie.

[The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: You have not read everything.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: You are not the Minister.

Ms M N GILLION: You are not the Minister.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.

†'n AGBARE LID: Jammer, julle is uitgevang.

[An HON MEMBER: Sorry, you have been caught out.]

†Mnr P UYS: Hy kan nie verantwoording doen nie, man.

[Mr P UYS: He cannot account for it, man.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, with the greatest of respect, a new question. [Interjections.]

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: It is not a new question. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: The cost is the cost. You see, you are hiding something.

An HON MEMBER: Oh come-on!

Mr P UYS: You do not want to answer the costs.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The cost is around about R500 million, in total. [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Are you sure, are you sure about that?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, that disposes of this question. We move to Question 7, hon member Uys again to Minister Grant. Minister Grant, the next question, Question 7.

Western Cape Provincial Parliament premise: usable floor space

***7. Mr P Uys asked the Minister of Transport and Public Works:**

Whether any requests have been received, discussions taken place or plans submitted to increase the usable floor surface and accommodation of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Okay, let us find this.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: He is lost now.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No, I am not lost. Are you just waking up? [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Thank you, talk to us, talk to us. [Inaudible.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, the answer is yes, discussions have taken place regarding the expansion of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament accommodation. The Department of Transport and Public Works has requested the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to formally register the additional accommodation need in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's UAMP document for the Department of Transport and Public Works to investigate options to accommodate the need. The final UAMP for 2019 / 2020 financial year is due for submission on 15 February 2019.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agbare Uys.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Uys.]

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Are you saying, hon MEC, that there was no UAMP registered up to now to increase the accommodation for this Provincial Parliament because the communication that we get is that there is a request for the third floor to come to the Provincial Parliament and you are now saying there is no such request and it must only be submitted in 2019 and then we know the process. It takes two, three, four years for you to actually implement anything.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: The hon Uys, Mr Deputy Speaker, must not put words in my mouth. What I said there has been no formal request and our advice is that that formal request be put in with specific details so that we can investigate it and put it into play in the 2019/20 financial year and I am surprised at the hon member Uys because he sits on that Committee.

Mr D JOSEPH: Ja.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: So why does he not give us what their needs are... [Interjections.]

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Because he know it, because he knows that you are doing nothing [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: ...instead of playing games with the hon our Chief Whip for months and years now about the size of this particular Parliament. [Interjections.] So when you tell us what you want, we will give you an answer. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Wiley first, then I will see hon member Uys.

First hon member Wiley, hon Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: The Minister has half answered my question... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr M G E WILEY: But the first and formal discussion... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hang on, hang on one second! Hon member Dijana!

Mr M G E WILEY: The first and formal discussion with the Minister was about three years ago when we thought that we would have an arrangement with the members on the other side there. Is that about correct?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: They flip-flop the whole time.

Mr M G E WILEY: Ja, they flip-flop, is that correct, is that [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is that a question or a statement? [Interjections.]

Hon member Uys you may proceed.

Mr P UYS: You can see how they waste time, hon Mr Deputy Speaker. I asked the question whether there was any request. Now the hon MEC is playing within formal and non-formal. It is not for me as a member of the Opposition to complete the UAMPs, I cannot do it, you know that very well, but I am not playing games. Now it has been delayed and it is very clear. Let me ask you something related to that hon MEC. This building is still not fire-compliant. There is still no fire certificate. Your Department has committed itself that it will be fire-compliant. When will this building be fire-compliant?

An HON MEMBER: That is a new question.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is slightly a new question but Minister Grant, if you want to proceed, you may.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is not slightly a new question. It is a completely new question.

[Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is your assessment. Hon Uys.

Mr P UYS: No, Mr Deputy Speaker, the question on the Order Paper is related to the accommodation here, and to ask a question around fire-compliance of accommodation, and you make a joke of that where you know this building is not fire-compliant and you do not want to answer that question. That is terrible and that is bad and that is not fantastic so please answer that.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: It is not terrible, Mr Deputy Speaker, it is not terrible.

Mr P UYS: Answer it!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: And transport infrastructure is not bad.

Mr Q R DYANTYI: Okay!

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: But it is a new question.

Mr P UYS: But it is not fire-compliant.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: So just answer it, is it fire-compliant or not?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Is that in your question?

Mr Q R DYANTYI: No it is not.

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS: No it is not. Thank you. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you Minister. [Interjections.] We move on to the following, the next question, Question 8. [Interjections.] Order! Order! Hon member Beerwinkel! Question number 8, hon member Botha to Minister Fritz. Minister Fritz?

Young people not in education, employment or training

8. Ms L J Botha asked the Minister of Social Development:

With regard to young people categorised as “Not in education, employment or training” (NEETs) in the Western Cape, whether his Department provides support for NEETs to receive Further Education and Training (FET); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Thank you. Thank you, Mr

Deputy Speaker. The Department of Social Development provides funding to qualifying registered NPOs. Jeez, oh my. Oh yes. [Interjections.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Mr Deputy Speaker, do you hear this blaspheming going on there?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Okay, can I?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: You may proceed.

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Department of Social Development provides funding to qualifying registered NPOs who operate the Youth Cafés in the province. Through the participation in the programmes offered at the Youth Cafés, NEET youth are exposed to opportunities available at TVET institutions and other linkages. Last year, there were 15 055 NEET youths who benefited from Youth Cafés.

The Department of Social Development, through its six regional offices, also links young people to a variety of opportunities, including bursaries and access to TVET institutions so we channel them to get access to those bursaries and access to TVET institutions. Furthermore, the Department has a memorandum of understanding in place with the False Bay College, West Coast College and Signa Academy with the aim of maintaining a relationship that may also open opportunities for young people who are classified as NEETs.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable, no follow-up? We can then continue. Is there a follow-up, hon member Botha?

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, if the Minister can just tell us what are some of the biggest challenges that NEET youths face when they are integrated into work spaces?

The MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Ja, thank you, thanks hon member Botha. That is a very important question because many times we say there are no bursaries, we say there are not jobs; we say there are not this or that, and when we in fact get jobs in certain communities, I can tell you with the kind of issues sometimes of not preparing young people before they go in to take up any of the jobs, because they go to a party over a particular weekend, on a Monday they are just absent. We also have the same challenge in some of our Government institutions in Child and Youth Care Centres where we deliberately targeted young people from our programmes to be trained as child and youth care workers and there are a number of problems that we have with not turning up for work. Remember these are places where you work 24/7. It is like Christmas when we all celebrate, those people are working, but the issue around absenteeism around just irresponsibility in terms of, if you had a party the weekend people just do not come to work. That is the kind of challenges that we have and so what we are busy with now through the Chrysalis programme and some of the extended programmes is to see how do we prepare young people from our communities who have gone through tremendous amount of trauma in their lives or any other. How do we

do the psychosocial development of those people, Mr Deputy Speaker, and that I think we have seen already the kind of results and who works where.

People are actually coming to work and they actually have a drive to improve and to improve their qualifications and to move up but the point is really to create the space and opportunity for young people to be empowered through firstly I think the whole process of those personal issues that they have encountered. Many of our young people do not have fathers who ever played a role in their lives; those kinds of issues, and then to let them move into the job space. Thank you, Chair.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We proceed to the next question, which is Question number 9, hon member Mnqasela to Minister Bredell. Minister Bredell?

Fire season: measures in place

9. Mr M Mnqasela asked the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

In the light of the fires that have raged in the Southern Cape, what measures does his Department have in place in preparation for this fire season?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, hon Mr Deputy Speaker, and thank you to the hon member for the question. Mr Deputy Speaker, preparations are underway in the Western Cape for the approaching summer fire season, which typically runs from October to April each year. The fire risk in the province is exacerbated by the effects of drought and lower than normal rainfall coupled with a high biomass fuel load.

The higher population density often leads to higher incidences of fire. This is evident where the wildland and urban areas interface. Vulnerable socio-economic conditions further increase the risk to fire prone communities. Early detection and reporting are the cornerstone in minimising the impact of hostile fires. The latter, coupled with a rapid response and initial attack strategy maximises the chances of controlling and suppressing fires at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Western Cape has a comprehensive Integrated Fire Management Strategy which includes awareness and advocacy programs. This strategy is the culmination of a coordinated year-round planning process which includes all major role-players. Statutory bodies exist at all spheres of government to ensure proper coordination and implementation at all levels.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the formal Memorandum of Agreement and Service Level Agreements give effect to the Western Cape Summer Fire Season Plan. The strategy provides *inter alia* for the strategic placement of additional ground and aerial resources throughout the Western Cape Province. A total of twenty

aircraft, comprised of both fixed-wing as well as helicopters will be available for the duration of the fire season. A specialised ground team will also be available to assist municipalities whenever needed. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Local Government and the Working on Fire program furthermore ensures the availability of additional ground support in the event of a major fire or similar events. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, is there a follow-up, hon member Mngqasela?

Mr M MNQASELA: Thank you hon Mr Deputy Speaker. Hon Minister, in the event of the fires for instance that we have seen in the Southern Cape, the Garden Route District Municipality areas, how do you see the future in terms of mitigating such severe fires and also the relationship that, Minister, you have with other partners like the SANDF and so forth and so forth?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, to the hon member, ja, it is a very difficult one. We had a very bad start to this fire season to be quite honest. In the first two weeks we had seven big fires. We lost I think around about 2 500 informal dwellings. That is terrible and that put a lot of pressure on all departments from my colleague, Minister Fritz' Department, to the Minister of Health's Department, all our departments need to come together to support and to help those families.

The wildfire in George was more or less four times the fire in Knysna if we look at the area it covered. It left a fire scar of around 90 000 hectares and if you look at the alien plants in that area it is really problematic, some of those areas it burnt up 45 years or it has plant growth of 45 years, so it was terrible conditions to work in. I can state it that if we have not had this service delivery agreements, if we have not had the partners on board - and Working on Fire was one of the big partners here who sent us I think 280 odd people from the Free State to come and support us - we would have been in big, big, big trouble and so those partnerships helped us a lot. Going forward I think we have the right plan on the table because we managed to put out 95% plus of our fires in the first hour. It is the fires that we do not get to in the first hour that are problematic. I also think going forward obviously we do more research and we are busy with the University of Stellenbosch especially in our informal settlements because of the terrain, the movement between the houses, the building material that people use. We can better on those kinds of items. I still believe the smoke alarm is playing a huge role to help us to safeguard people's lives at least but going forward we will also need to implement and look at lessons we have learnt in Knysna and especially on alien clearing because I think there is a huge job opportunity in alien clearing also and also to secure our water resources going forward; aliens play a big role. A big pine tree or blue gum tree uses anything from 400 to 600 litres of water a day, but the cutting of those trees is also a skilled job. We need to train those people. It cannot be just the normal EPWP work but how we are going to manage and keep actually this 90 000 hectares clear, it is a plan. We have got people on the ground there looking at first of all doing an

assessment of the damage and secondly looking how we can prevent any landslides if there are floods currently now coming and then also how are we going to control the aliens going forward.

My faith is in the teams that we need to come with the plan. We have managed to be to an extent successful in Knysna but there are still areas where now the aliens are more than a year old and we have not got to those aliens and now we must cut them. We cannot just spray them, so it is very important that we do come up with a plan to control aliens going forward. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys, can I just say the time for questions has expired but we will finish this question first.

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker to the MEC, at the first Council meeting of the District Municipality, now the Garden Route District Municipality after the fires, they identified certain gaps in combating not only that but also in evacuation and communication. Did they communicate that to you? Are you instituting an investigation to pick up on those issues, especially where one of your DA members, Eleanore Bouw-Spies identified that it was total chaos on the ground when 200 people in Rheenendal had to be evacuated. Just to hear your answer on it, are you investigating it properly and coming up with proper recommendations to improve on activation, evacuation and of course communication?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Thank you, Deputy Speaker and thank you for the follow-up question. Yes, we first of all, investigate all fires to first of all determine the cause and act. And then also, we use it as part of our ongoing research, always looking how to do better, looking at the functioning of the whole Disaster Management Centre during those days. I spent a lot of hours in that Disaster Management Centre to pick up on the ground the issues and there was a lot of lessons to be learnt, especially in communication.

Social media is difficult to deal with, to get ahead of social media and I think George's case, the lessons we have learnt in Knysna have helped us a lot, because also remember, in Knysna the comms went also down for 24 hours. This time when the comms went down, we managed to get the right information out, ahead of time, but still there is panic and how to get the right message out but not cause panic is a fine balance, but definitely we learn lessons. We get a report on each of these big fires, and we will definitely make it part of our planning going forward. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Mnqasela first and then hon Uys, and I will come back to you.

Mr M MNQASELA: Hon Deputy Speaker, one of the challenges is what we have seen with the fires in the informal settlements and whilst one sympathises with the people and of course appreciates the work that has been

done by volunteers in all these fires, what is it that we can do, hon Minister?

I think your Department should increase the appetite for the municipalities to take the smoke fire alarms and its implementation in all the municipalities. We cannot continue having these kind of fires, displacing people, where we can invest in the smoke fire alarms that have been tested to be successful in your Department.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister.

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Ja, thank you. I think part of our strategy is to build capacity. We help municipalities, especially the municipalities. We have started off on the main routes, the N1, N2 municipalities, to support them to get fire trucks and so forth going.

So the right equipment is very important to support our ground crews. The smoke alarm has been tested now for about the last four years. We have not lost one life in the areas which we put that in. The university worked with us, the Breede Valley Municipality worked with us in the pilot phase. Also Scottsdene, and we are very pleased and we think that it is definitely one of the items that can make a huge difference and I have also discussed it with the City of Cape Town, we need partners in this.

As a province we cannot do it alone. So we need the buy-in of all the

municipalities. I have a meeting tomorrow again with all the Mayors to again try and get them on board, but not only the Mayors, we must then also get some companies involved to help us to invest in the smoke alarms. I think that will help us a lot going forward.

†Die ADJUNKSPEAKER: Agb Uys.

[The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Uys.]

Mr P UYS: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Department is working very closely with Working on Fire, of course, but now we have seen another serious and a fatal accident with the Huey helicopter. I know at one stage you grounded the helicopters and I do not think it is good enough only to refer to Civil Aviation and say, well they must also play their role.

When are you going to get to the point where you say, we are not going to use Working on Fire anymore if they use the Huey helicopters? What we are actually doing is by paying them we are also putting the lives of people at risk. Not only in the helicopter itself, but also on the ground and I would really urge you to reconsider paying for Huey helicopters being in the air.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Minister?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING: Mr Deputy Speaker, to be quite honest with you, it is a very technical question. It is a very complex scenario. It

involves the maintenance and obviously there have been huge investigations going on. Over the last three years we have lost four Huey helicopters.

We do not only work with Working on Fire. We have also got as a partner the South African Air Force, after – ja, let us leave it there. We are busy looking at private people also, but the other day also one of the private helicopters has come down. It is very difficult flying circumstances. It is difficult to control this whole environment, but obviously we are in the hands of the experts to come up with solutions.

I still believe that the Working on Fire Program is a brilliant program. I will manage it and going forward, I also hope that one day we will shift it from Environmental Affairs to Disaster Management nationally. I think it should fit better there, and I am worried that in the multi-year budgets of national I do not see any allocations to Working on Fire. I have alerted the National Minister and said we need to, because without a national program overseeing and supporting us, no province will survive. Thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We have finished the end of Questions. Can I just say that Question 10 would be withdrawn? Question 10 has been withdrawn. The replies to the remainder will be taken up in Hansard. We move on to Statements by Members, and I first see the DA.

[Question 10 withdrawn.]

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, on 17 October I was duly elected as Acting Chairperson for the Standing Committee on Education at a time while the Committee was deliberating on a piece of ground-breaking legislation in terms of education in this country [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Ground-breaking? It is embarrassing.

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, instead of deliberating on desperately needed educational reform, patriarchy and abuse dominated the Committee. On this day, the ANC's members Dugmore and Olivier were on a mission to belittle and undermine my Chairpersonship with all their might. [Interjections.]

Unfortunately, these members let their testosterone and ego get the better of them and made the mistake of assuming that being a woman, I would entertain and succumb to their brutish tactics ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Brutish!

Ms L J BOTHA: ... to bulldoze through ill-informed opinions and party propaganda in the Committee. By failing to recognise me as the Presiding Officer of the Committee, and acting in a patronising and demeaning manner, these members exposed their own insecurities as men in a male-dominated

field where a woman held a position of power. [Interjections.]

†‘n AGBARE LID: Hoor-hoor!

[An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!]

Ms L J BOTHA: It is sad to think that these members represent hundreds of thousands of women in their constituencies and on the eve of the 16 Days of Activism of No Violence Against Women and Children, they will be on the forefront of arranging programs around this theme. [Interjections.]

Their behaviour was a complete disregard of the very principles that their own organisation is built on. [Interjections.] It is as though these members have forgotten that their very own “Freedom Charter” explicitly makes provision for women to be treated as equals to their male counterparts.

On the day of this Committee, what their behaviour showed is what I loathe in anyone who attempts to ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms L J BOTHA: ... call themselves an honourable man. Mr Deputy Speaker, it is shameful that these two men are still granted the privilege ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member your time has expired. Finish off.

Ms L J BOTHA: ... of having their names addressed with honour, when their conduct fills me with disdain and disgust. Mr Deputy Speaker, in looking back on that day ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order member. [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: ...and looking at these members now ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. [Interjections.] Member Botha, I have given you injury time already, so I think it is fair that you stop there. [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker, I just want to finish.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please take ... [Interjections.]

Ms L J BOTHA: Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: ... looking back on that day and looking at these members now ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: ...all I see is two pathetic bullies who have no regard ...
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Member Botha!

Ms L J BOTHA: ... or respect for myself ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: ... as a woman and an official ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms L J BOTHA: ... member of this House. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order! Please come to order.
[Interjections.] Hon Makeleni! Hon Botha, I addressed you when you were
busy, when you actually reached the end of the time and I asked you to
conclude, you continued to speak. Please do not try to do it again.

An HON MEMBER: The MEC gave you a number of [Inaudible.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon member Uys?

Mr P UYS: Mr Deputy Speaker, that is quite correct ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Mr P UYS: ... but the hon member said “stupid” and “bullies” to hon members. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: No! She did not say that.

An HON MEMBER: No.

Mr P UYS: I want her to withdraw that please. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will have a look at the wording. I did not pick it up I will come back if necessary. I see the ANC. [Interjections.]

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. What a flop ... [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Shhh!

Mr K E MAGAXA: What a flop the DA’s attempt is to put up a candidate to follow up the hon Premier Helen Zille as her term ends soon. The DA opted to field the hon MEC Alan Winde as her successor in the DA ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: You do not even know what province!

Mr K E MAGAXA: ...if he can manage to win the upcoming election but the DA support dwindles daily because it is a bad government and the MEC has no ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Hon Magaxa, I cannot hear you because of your own members behind you. [Interjections.] Hon Makeleni, please come to order.

An HON MEMBER: [Inaudible.] must also keep quiet.

An HON MEMBER: Stop provoking us!

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. But the DA support dwindles daily, because it is a bad government and the MEC has no own political traction.

An HON MEMBER: Your opinion.

Mr K E MAGAXA: The DA rejected every candidate of colour, but the DA stuck with the MEC of failures.

†'n AGBARE LID: Eina!

[An HON MEMBER: Ouch!]

Mr K E MAGAXA: The one that failed two years in a row to get a clean audit at Agriculture, as he cannot run a provincial department properly. [Interjections.] Good performance is not the measure of the DA, as this MEC has not performed noteworthy. The hon Winde is not fit for purpose and the DA should ditch him soonest. [Interjections.] What was even more bizarre was how Winde was demoted from economic positions to a lesser portfolio to run a beauty-like popularity contest. [Interjections.]

Winde replaced gangster friend Dan Plato who was redeployed to Cape Town. On top of that, the DA robs every department to give Winde a dowry to buy blue T-shirts. [Interjections.] The DA is said to be losing more support with these steps and Winde.

An HON MEMBER: Thank you for being so concerned about the DA.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The DA next.

An HON MEMBER: You make him Minister of Day Zero, really?

Mr M MNQASELA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Democratic Alliance in the Western Cape is gravely concerned that the ANC municipal debt to Eskom has ballooned by 20.2% in six months under the watch of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Minister Zweli Mkhize.

According to reports, municipal debt to South Africa's power utility Eskom

amounted to a whopping R13,57 billion at the end of March 2018. While Minister Mkhize was waltzing from pillar to post in a sluggish attempt to find a solution to this collapse in payment, municipal debt skyrocketed by 20,2% to an unprecedented high of R17 billion. And this is in one year!

Just earlier this year, the PIC agreed to finance R5 billion to bail out Eskom and this is despite the unstable and lack of financial discipline. And this is one good money after bad. I am pleased that the DA-led Western Cape continues to boast the largest concentration of municipalities with clean and sound financial management which has prevented service delivery collapse akin to those experienced in the ANC municipalities.

This is clearly indicative of the difference between the good governance of the DA and the ANC's culture of corruption, and I must say hon Deputy Speaker, that the DA in this province will continue to be a bastion of hope ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: But we do not need [Inaudible.]

Mr M MNQASELA: ... and good governance and we will continue to guarantee the people of this province that you are in safe hands and we will continue to deliver services for all people in all communities of this province. I thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Hear-hear!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The EFF. Hon Joseph.

†Mnr B D JOSEPH: Ek het my [Onhoorbaar.]

[Mr B D JOSEPH: I have my [Inaudible.]]

†'n AGBARE LID: Daai is die program. Dit is die dag se program!

[An HON MEMBER: That is the program. It is the program for the day!]

An HON MEMBER: He has had a lot of practice!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr B D JOSEPH: Parents plead for Government police to work with them. Noting the concern of the communities of the Western Cape, pertaining to the vulnerable groups and children in specific. Further notes that rape and murder are a challenge and need to be addressed. Increase in violent child deaths. The inquiry is giving people an opportunity to be heard. The children could be heard in their views of their rights to safety. Further noting that ignoring trauma does not mean it disappears. Therefore it needs to resolve that the formal inquiry needs to be established through Government. I thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That was a statement, not a motion, I take it because it is in the form of a motion, but it is a statement. The DA.

An HON MEMBER: Not yet.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon Joseph?

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you. [Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: Mngqasela, we know it is not your faction.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The microphone is not on there.

Mr M MNQASELA: It is not a faction.

Mr D JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. 38 people have been arrested as a service delivery protest turned violent in the West Coast. Protests were said to be in the name of poor service delivery and housing that were to be received some years ago. These politically motivated protests ...
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Blame the ANC ... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: ... seek to sketch the picture of poor governance by the DA in the Western Cape. [Interjections.] Protests have threatened individuals from

getting to their jobs and matriculants risked not being able to write exams if these protests intensify. Service delivery efforts have been delayed and 11 police vehicles have been damaged.

The National Minister's inclusive development of the poor with regards to service delivery and its relation to high crime incidences, undermines the Western Cape Government's efforts. We have called for additional police and specialised units to promote a safer environment.

Well done DA! Mission accomplished. We have been doing well with limited funding and performed well above our expectations and Premier Zille has stated that the province has grown by 30% in 15 years. [Interjections.] However, our Government still managed to create 60% of SA's jobs in nine years and that is good for our economic well-being.

We will not accept these attempts by the ANC or the EFF, that keep on with incidents to attempt to declare the Western Cape ungovernable. Protests earlier this year on sporadic land grab attempts showed that the ANC neglected to accelerate land reform.

State Owned Enterprises having collapsed and the VBS Bank scandal are only a few of these daily nightmares that the public must now endure. Despite these efforts, the DA in the Western Cape will continue to commit ourselves to accountable governance that prevents corruption, which resentfully affects the public and especially the poor. Currently about 5000 people have

illegally today taken to the streets, trying to disrupt services, throwing rocks and stones at police [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr D JOSEPH: We do not approve of this violence that threaten people's lives and destroy property.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, your time has expired. Last sentence.

Mr D JOSEPH: I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. I see the ANC. Hon Gillion.

Ms M N GILLION: Mr Deputy Speaker, under the DA and hon Premier Helen Zille the Khayelitsha flagship hospital in the six years since its opening is now as a bad place for people to die waiting to get attention or treatment. Severe overcrowding with patients sleeping in chairs or on floors, crippling staff shortages with high levels of resignations due to abuse ... [Interjection.] terrible mismanagement, fragmented services and even corruption thrives as services decline. The critical crisis is worsened by the DA's closure of the GF Jooste Hospital that left the people of Gugulethu and Manenberg, putting more pressure on the Khayelitsha death trap.

And, the promised replacement hospital is still nowhere to be found. Bad

stories prove the Provincial Health Department suffers from a very serious DA condition of not caring for poor and vulnerable people. In fact the DA lies bare as not the best run province.

The MEC and Department refuse to properly account to people's representatives in Parliament's National Council of Provinces. It is unacceptable that constitutional oversight is disregarded while some arrogant leaders leave people unattended in long lines, closing facilities and treating people poorly. It seems stealing money for the poor to buy blue T-shirts for the DA campaign under its new Premier candidate gets priority. The DA must now fire the Health MEC. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I see the DA. [Interjections.] The DA. Hon Philander.

An HON MEMBER: Yoh! That is a shocker.

Ms W F PHILANDER: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, in 10 days we will again highlight the disastrous cases of abuse against women and children within the period of 16 Days of Activism. Let us also align our focus to discriminatory, neglect, sexual, verbal, financial, psychological and emotional abuse.

†Agb Adjunkspeaker, laat ons ook vandag ons hand in eie boesem slaan. [Hon Deputy Speaker, let us also today have a look at ourselves.] Let us be

frank, women abuse women as well. When we say, “not in my name”, we mean to all forms of violence and abuse. I urge women to stand up and take their place in society. We live in an age where women today still have to sleep with men for a job opportunity in order to provide for their families. We need to confide in and support our sisters. Down with the patriarchy of men valued more than women.

Mr Deputy Speaker, sadly so, our Minister for Women in the Presidency is very much still fast asleep on the true emancipation of women and children ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms W F PHILANDER: ... and is useless in addressing the plight of women and children. Mr Deputy Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Order

Ms W F PHILANDER: ... gender based violence does not distinguish between rural and urban, why should anyone else? During the past week, the Western Cape High Court saw success in convicting six men facing charges of rape, abuse and murder and bringing some justice to women and children and some sort of closure to these mourning families.

We are saddened by these incidents and condemn acts of this nature. It is

thus important that we lead the way for our children and youth, encouraging them to speak out against abuse. Women, as the mothers, the sisters, the aunts and the †ouma's [grandmothers] – stand up and take your place. One life lost to any form of abuse, is one life too much.

Mr Deputy Speaker, our communities long for peace, for harmony, and a one South Africa for all. Our kids need to be kids, to safely play in the streets, grow up ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, your time has expired.

Ms W F PHILANDER: ...and live ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just finish off, your time has expired.

Ms W F PHILANDER: ...a happy life.

An HON MEMBER: Finish off.

Ms W F PHILANDER: May we rise. May we too say, support and fight all forms of abuse against women and children.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member. Your time has expired. I see the ACDP. [Interjections.]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Mr Deputy Speaker, today *Die Burger* read as follows

†“Knysna burgemeester, DA dagvaar eie regs kommissie”

[“Knysna Mayor, DA charges own legal commission.”]

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: The DA cannot refrain from scoring own goals. The DA’s Federal Legal Commission handed down its judgement in the appeal by Councillor Myers and Mayor Willemse against the provincial disciplinary committee findings against them. [Interjections.]

The FLC panel upheld the appeal and rescinded all sanctions against councillors Myers and Willemse. This was not just based on technicalities or on procedural grounds as wrongly alleged in the press release by James Selfe, Chairperson of the FCAL and Jaco Londt the DA regional Chairperson. [Interjections.]

The DA leadership in the form of James Selfe and Jaco Londt are proving to be sore and irrational losers. They have stated that they are taking legal advice with a view to taking the findings of their own FLC on review to the High Court. What shambles?

Surely the adults in the room must now concede that Myers and Willemse have been right all along and that the national and provincial leadership must come behind Mayor Willemse and councillor Myers and support good

governance. This is what the DA claim to do. Good governance. Now they must stand behind Mayor Willemse and councillor Myers and they are now taking them apart.

The DA firmly removed Martin Young as councillor the same day when Myers and Willemse's appeal was successful. [Interjections.] Despite Young's claim that he was not pushed, the DA pushed him out to make room for Michelle Wasserman, as the mayoral pretender. That is what has happened. [Interjections.]

†'n AGBARE LID: Jy moet jou feite reg kry, man!

[An HON MEMBER: You must get your facts straight, man!]

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: Londt and Selfe ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... have therefore not wasted any time in making the next move to remove ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, your time has expired.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... the effective Mayor Willemse and ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. Just finish off.

Mr F C CHRISTIANS: ... portfolio Chairperson, councillor Myers. I thank you.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your time has expired. [Interjections.]

The ANC, hon Dijana.

An HON MEMBER: He is suffering from a DA fixation.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Western Cape DA leader ... [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order. [Interjections.] Order. Hon member Dijana has the floor.

Ms T M DIJANA: Western Cape DA Leader, hon MEC Bonginkosi Madikizela is again overseas on holiday and not building houses. This globetrotting and cake eating MEC does not care for the plight of poor and vulnerable people as he does not stick to building houses or set targets. [Interjections.] He shows how bad the DA Government is.

With housing as one of the biggest needs in our communities, the MEC plays around with words on what his job should be. With adequate housing as one of the biggest shortages and backlogs in this province, he complains about not being able to provide proper homes to people, but fails to fully spend his budget as intended.

Instead the MEC has moving targets and adjust these at will. He is more interested in cutting and looting his budget to buy blue T-shirts for political campaigning. What we see instead is that the provision of social housing numbers nosedive, rental stock neglected and problems creeping in everywhere. [Interjections.]

What we hear is many excuses that sound more like attempts to hide incompetency and cover-up of poor management. From private land to informal settlements are used as smokescreens for poor work. These all result into citizen dissatisfaction and protests that is again sweeping the province. That MEC must be fired today.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. We move on to the last one. The DA. Hon Maseko. [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An HON MEMBER: They must all go! [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Mr Deputy Speaker, the DA in the Western Cape places value on the provision of quality houses to the residents of our province. For us, this is not a mere tick-box exercise. Housing provision is about restoring dignity and instilling pride in our people. The Department of Human Settlements has delivered more than 166 000 housing opportunities since 2009.

This has been done with a clear view to correct the injustices of the past. [Interjections.] With housing opportunities it will never be enough. We need to acknowledge that with unemployment there are challenges. We prioritise provision of houses that are connected to the grid, with running water and proper sanitation. Reality is making sure priority is given to the most vulnerable.

The challenges that we experience shouldn't turn our communities into crime hotspots. The sporadic land invasions and *Izinyoka nyoka* [cable thieves] should be condemned as they put a lot of strain on municipalities, especially in rural communities, who rely also on electricity tariffs for revenue generation.

We appeal to the communities to desist from activities that will set them back. If municipalities are crippled, they will not be able to deliver the most basic services. The housing projects need continuous engagement as nothing for the people can happen without the people. Most importantly, the challenges we come across should not justify engaging in any illegal activity. Let us not allow hidden forces to distract us as their only resolve is to destabilise the Western Cape government.

For development to take place, it will require both Government and the people to work together and forge lasting partnerships. Let me commend Minister Bonginkosi Madikizela and his Department for intervening in every housing delivery protest in places like Zwelihle ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order.

Ms L M MASEKO: ... Siqalo, to name a few and coming up with solutions.
[Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Just finish off. Member, your time has expired.
You cannot name a few now. It is the end of your speech. [Interjections.]

Ms L M MASEKO: Sorry. It is imperative for us that people must live in
conditions which are fit for human habitation and the Western Cape, under
the DA Government is doing exactly that. [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, your time has expired.

Ms L M MASEKO: I thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. That is the end of Member's
Statements. We now move to Motions. Are there any motions where notice is
given? Hon member Dijana?

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Motion without notice. I
move that the House ... [Interjection.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Where notice is given. With notice. [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: With notice?

An HON MEMBER: Ja.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: With notice? Okay. Good. Proceed.

Ms T M DIJANA: I give notice that I shall move:

That the House notes and calls for an urgent investigation into claims that a cabal of white elites in the Western Cape DA and Cape Town increased the value of sites for social housing, because they want to keep out the poor, mostly black and Coloured residents. I move so.

[Notice of motion as moved by Member.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notice is taken of that one. Any further? Is that the only one under this heading?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: We then move on to Motions without Notice. Hon member Gillion?

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Ms M N GILLION: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the retired Moravian Church minister and anti-apartheid icon and ex-political prisoner, Rev Chris Wessels died peacefully on Tuesday at the age of 83; notes further that those who worked closely with him hailed him as an honest man who believed in justice and righteousness in all spheres of life and all his life was dedicated to the upliftment of the poor and marginalised, as well as building a better society and dismantling the evil system of apartheid; commends his contribution in the struggle against apartheid and for justice and also conveys sincere condolences to his wife, Aunty Naps, his family, friends and the whole community of the beautiful town of Genadendal.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? There are no objections to the motion itself? I am going to need assistance. I saw the hon Simmers. I see hon Nkondlo and then I see hon Mackenzie. If the Table can help me. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Next one.

Mr T A SIMMERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the hon Beverley Schäfer on her new appointment as the Western Cape Minister of Economic Opportunities, Tourism and Agriculture. [Interjections.] I have no doubt that our province and the Department are in good hands under your leadership and this House looks forward to working with you in the future. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? [Interjections.] Excuse me?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: No, there are no objections to the motion itself? I see the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the cold blooded double murder of ANC ward councillor Luyanda Mbele and his cousin Mzwandile Mathenjwa who were gunned down in Wallacedene, Kraaifontein, in late October this

year; further notes Mr Mbele was a solid community leader and a grounded councillor in that area; a transport activist who on many occasions acted as the mediator between opposing factions of taxi associations and conveys deepest condolences to his family, friends and comrades. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? I see the hon member Mackenzie.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the untimely death of the famous open water swimmer, Mr Theodore Yach on 17 October 2018; notes that having completed more than a 100 swims between Robben Island and Cape Town, Mr Yach was one of the most accomplished ultra-cold and open water swimmers; extends condolences to Mr Yach's family and friends; may his soul rest in peace. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? Are there any objections to the motion itself? I see the hon Matlhodi Maseko. I see member

Botha and I see member Beerwinkel. We will do it in rounds of three.

[Interjection.] Please just cooperate, thank you.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you, very much. Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House sends its most heartfelt condolences to the victims of the devastating fires in Khayelitsha and Philippi which gutted thousands of shacks and left scores of people homeless on 20 October 2018. Let us commend the DA-led Government and generous philanthropic organisations which rushed to the aid of the people affected ... [Interjections.] working alongside local churches as well as with the support by the City of Cape Town. I admire the resilience of matric learners who sat down for their matric exams following this traumatic event. Your strength is admirable. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Yes, there is.

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the

Order Paper. I see the hon member Botha. [Interjections.] Order please, hon Magaxa. It is late in the day.

Ms L J BOTHA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates the respective award winners at the Western Cape Government Health, Cecilia Makiwane Awards evening that took place last week Friday, 9 November 2018 at Kirstenbosch. The selection criteria included:

- living up to the nurses' pledge and nursing ethics;
- going beyond the call of duty;
- having a positive attitude towards patients and colleagues;
- contributing to effective management and
- being part of a multi-disciplinary health care team.

The winners were Noluthando Tibini, clinical nurse practitioner at Ruyterwacht Community Day Care Centre. She was the overall winner and then Felicity du Plessis was a runner-up. She is the operational nursing manager at Lady Michaela's Community Day Care Centre and then the second runner-up was Hester Blignaut, operational nursing manager at Villiersdorp Clinic.

The awards honour, celebrate and value nurses for their selfless dedication to the nursing profession and exceptional work done in

their field through making a lasting difference to their patients' lives and contributing to the improvement of the communities' wellbeing. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? Any objections to the motion itself? I see the hon [Interjections.] Beerwinkel.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that to protect the façade and marketing stunt that this province is the best run province, the DA is hell bent on shirking and dodging their constitutional responsibility to account to this Provincial Legislature. Their continuous abuse of the sub judice rule is a brazen attempt to subvert and undermine the oversight responsibility of our Standing Committees. Whenever poor governance of a department is exposed and ends in court, this DA marketing machine comes into operation to suppress information and keep it from the public.

Recent case law, emphasising the independence of our judiciary, conclusively confirms that there is no more relevance for the sub judice rule in our current constitutional dispensation as this still is a remnant of our past when juries were part of our judicial system. This very point

was confirmed ... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: It is to protect them.

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ...in a recent comprehensive legal opinion ...
[Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Hon Beerwinkel, kindly take ... [Interjection.]

Ms C F BEERWINKEL: ... by our in-house legal advisor.

The SPEAKER: ...your seat, please. Chief Whip Wiley?

An HON MEMBER: It was a statement!

Mr M G E WILEY: You know, we have Rules and that is more than just a
motion without notice ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you, member Wiley.

Mr M G E WILEY: It is a full statement. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: I will draw ... [Interjections.]

Mr M G E WILEY: She talked of abuse. What do you think she is doing?
[Interjections.]

An HON MEMBER: You are noted!

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. [Interjections.] Let me draw your attention. Statements are two minutes. Then there are notices of motion and then there are motions without notice. We are now dealing with motions without notice. I see the hon Hinana. I see the hon Joseph and I see ... [Interjection.]

Mr D JOSEPH: No-no, sorry, just give a second. Just hold. You did not ask if there is objection to that motion.

The SPEAKER: Sorry. Did I not put the question? Are there any objections to the motion being ... [Interjections.] Oh, are those the hands? Okay. There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. So, now it is the hon Hinana and then hon Dijana and then member Joseph, are you in on this one? No? Not. So, and I will take the Chief Whip Wiley this round. Three at a time. Thank you.

Mr N E HINANA: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes finally the deployment of the rail enforcement unit on our trains. This unit must ensure that the protection of all rail infrastructure is secured, and the commuters are conveniently served during transportation. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? None? I see the hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes hon MEC Madikizela admitted that his Department is failing the poor as it cannot meet housing delivery targets [Interjections.] Notes further that poor areas mostly affected by that Department's failure to deliver are Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain and calls on the Department to prioritise social housing in those areas and job opportunities to decrease the housing backlog and poverty. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. The next person was Chief Whip Wiley and then I will start the

next round.

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: The objection – sorry, Chief Whip Wiley. The objection has been noted and it will be recorded on the Order Paper. You may proceed, Chief Whip.

Mr M G E WILEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House, in the light of the 100 year anniversary of The Armistice, remembers all those from South Africa who have fallen in conflict, fighting for their beliefs.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections? None? The next person. I did see hon Gopie. I see hon Mitchell and I see hon Botha. Hon Mackenzie, you will be the start of the next round. You may proceed, hon member Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern the passing on of the struggle

veteran, former political prisoner and Cape Town member of the Mayoral Committee, Daniel “Tank” Landingwe on 8 November; notes his interment will take place this Saturday, and conveys sincere condolences to his family, friends and comrades. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? There are no objections. The next member. Hon member Mitchell, I see you.

Mr D G MITCHELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House commemorates World Orphan Day, which takes place annually on 12 November and highlights the need for all society to work better together to raise and support orphan children. As a society we can help orphan children by volunteering at our local child and youth care centres, fostering or even adopting. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? There are no objections. The next hon member is member Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House welcomes the launch of the Early Childhood Development Bond in Cape Town. This bond uses an innovative financing mechanism. The public-private sector coalition project is managed by the intermediary partnership of Mothers to Mothers and Volta Capital, working closely with implementing partner, the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work. The transaction is led by the Western Cape Department of Social Development in a matched funding arrangement with Apex High Charitable Trust and supported by a coalition of investors. Over a three year period the project will seek to improve the cognitive and social/emotional development outcomes of more than 2000 children in the low income communities of Atlantis and Delft in the Western Cape. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? There are no objections. I call the next round. Did I? [Interjections.] I said I would see hon Mackenzie. I see hon Magaxa and I see hon Mngasela. And then we will do the next round.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House thanks and commends Japanese NGO, South African Primary Education Support Initiatives, the Open Network Express in collaboration with the Western Cape Department of Education for

handing over 23 000 English books with two mobile libraries to rural schools; appreciates the gracious donation by Sony Corporation of Hong Kong, organisations and communities, the South African Consulate in Hong Kong and Macau as well as the Sony Group of Companies and employees. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Object.

The SPEAKER: Okay. Are there any objections to the motion being moved? There are no objections to the motion itself? The next hon member in terms sequence. Hon member Magaxa, I see you.

Mr K E MAGAXA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the DA and that party's selection Committee Chair, hon Premier Helen Zille, rewarded the hon Alan Winde as its Premier candidate for the upcoming elections. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Never!

Mr K E MAGAXA:

Notes further that hon Winde who failed to obtain unqualified audits for

his Department of Agriculture over two consecutive years, is given even bigger responsibility; calls on the DA people to see the desperate DA compensates failures; and calls on the people to reject this candidate who failed on past responsibilities.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections?

HON MEMBERS: Yes!

The SPEAKER: There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. The next hon member. Was it hon Mackenzie and then I see hon Nkondlo. Members, please work with me. I see hon Mackenzie, hon Nkondlo and then hon member Gopie. Thank you

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Cape Town City Football Club head, coach Benni McCarthy for earning an UEFA Pro-Coaching license, the highest world recognised qualification in football. Further notes that the former Bafana Bafana star is the only South African coach in the South African Premier League ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That place is bad!

Mr R D MACKENZIE:

...to hold the qualification and we wish him all the best in his pursuit for the glory with the citizens. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? No objections to the motion itself? I see the hon member Nkondlo. [Interjections.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker ... [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Too much noise members. Calm down.

Ms N D NKONDLO: I move without notice:

That the House notes, following a lengthy process of public consultation and deliberation, the Joint Constitutional Review Committee on Thursday, 15 November 2018, adopted a resolution that Section 25 of the Constitution be amended to allow for expropriation without compensation and welcomes this progressive step. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Gopie.

Ms D GOPIE: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes hon MEC Winde who was with Agriculture and Economic Opportunities, where he mostly failed to grow the economy and create jobs ... [Interjections.] is now the new Community Safety MEC; notes further that during his term poverty and unemployment increased, which resulted in increasing crime and gangsterism; is worried that the desperate DA sends him ... [Interjection.] to DOCS to continue his work of failing the poor and to deal with crime ... [Interjection.] which he assisted to create and that the Premier candidate of irregular expenditure and qualified audits is one of the worst things that could happen to the poor people of the Western Cape. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? [Interjections.] There is an

objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon Mitchell, hon Mngqasela. Hon Mitchell and then hon Mackenzie. Okay. Sorry, hon Mitchell, can we allow hon Mngqasela to go and then yourself ...

Mr D G MITCHELL: Absolutely.

The SPEAKER: ...and then hon Mackenzie. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: Age before honour.

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: It has been a long day. Let us just compose ourselves. You may proceed, hon Mngqasela.

Mr M MNQASELA: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House congratulates former Community Safety MEC Dan Plato on his election as the Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town;
[Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is your faction!

Mr M MNQASELA:

Notes that this House has confidence in the Mayor of Cape Town and that residents are better off ... [Interjections.] in his hands because this is the Mayor that takes his job seriously and we are happy to have him at the Democratic Alliance. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: We object!

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections?

An HON MEMBER: Yes!

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. The motion will be printed [Interjections.] on the Order Paper. †Mense, bedaar asseblief! Ek sien die agb Mitchell. [People, please calm down. I see the hon Mitchell.]

†'n AGB LID: Ja, Daylin, dit is jou beurt nou!

[An HON MEMBER: Yes, Daylin, it is your turn now!]

Mr D G MITCHELL: Madam Speaker, thank you very much. I move without notice:

That the House recognises the Provincial Department of Social Development under the leadership of Minister Fritz which has provided

rigorous oversight over the registration and funding processes of NPO's; that this has ensured that taxes paid by hardworking individuals are not misspent on non-compliant organisations. [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: I object!

Mr D G MITCHELL:

I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections? [Interjections.] There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. [Interjections.] Let us not engage in debate. The objection will be recorded. Hon Mackenzie, you may proceed.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates Capetonian Yanga Sobetwa from Delft for reaching the final of the fourteenth season of Idols South Africa; the current Idol who won in season thirteen, Paxton Fielies, is also from Cape Town; wishes Yanga all the best as the whole Western Cape is behind her. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? No objections to the motion itself? The next round of three. I see the hon Dijana. I see hon Nkondlo and I see hon Mackenzie.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes the announcement that policing in the Western Cape will get a boost with 1 070 additional officers, who will be deployed in this financial year ... [Interjections.]; notes further that a commitment has been made to boost the anti-gang unit in the future; applauds the Police Minister and SAPS leadership for all the interventions made in the province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved without notice? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The next person I see is the hon Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House condemns the DA for shielding the hon MEC Winde from accountability, following his failure to obtain an unqualified audit in the Department of Agriculture; notes further the party's actions of

undermining and second-guessing the Auditor General's findings; and calls on the DA to respect SCOPA's oversight responsibility as the matter of the Department of Agriculture is not sub-judice and should be interrogated soonest.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Mackenzie following which, we will start the next round.

Mr R D MACKENZIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House congratulates 18-year old former AJAX Cape Town star Tashreeq Matthews from Hanover Park for making his comparative debut for Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund Football Club, just hours after signing for the German giant. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections to the motion itself? I see hon member Maseko.

Ms L M MASEKO: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House condemns in the strongest possible terms the recklessness of smokers who are throwing their cigarette butts on the roads, as we are still in the dry season. This behaviour is one of the causes of the runaway fires which continue to rob the innocent lives of so many. Such acts of selfishness should not result in unnecessary loss of life. I call all cigarette smokers to stop burning our province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? Are there any objections to the motion itself? The next round of three. I see the hon Gopie, I see hon Olivier and I see hon Dijana. [Interjections.] Members, it is eight o'clock. It is not much further to go. Please calm down. [Interjections.] There is too much noise, member Mitchell, can you please? Thank you. You may proceed.

Ms D GOPIE: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulate Gauteng Government as the only province to achieve a 100% clean audit outcome in all its departments for the 2017/2018 financial year; [Interjections.] notes further that Gauteng has maintained this standard for three years ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Yoh! It is wonderful indeed!

Ms D GOPIE:

... while provinces like the Western Cape regressed in the same period; [Interjections.] the hon MEC Winde's Agriculture Department is but one example; and encourages Gauteng to maintain this level of financial governance excellence. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? [Interjections.] There is an objection. The motion will be printed – Order! Please. There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I move that the House notes ... [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Guys, be respectful. There is a member on the floor. Please. You may proceed.

Mr R T OLIVIER:

... I think nine people died and more than 1500 were displaced in the wild fires that engulfed vast areas of the Garden Route in the past

month; notes further that the horrific fires are reoccurring following the devastating fires last year; notes further that the fires started on 20 October in the Vermaaklikheid area before spreading; lauds all the fire fighters and conveys condolences to the families of the deceased as well as to the pilot, Nico Heyns, 65 years old, who died after his working for fire Huey chopper crashed during the fire fighting effort in Knysna. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Okay. Are there any objections to the motion? There are no objections to the motion itself? Sorry, there was a next person after you. I see it is hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the water situation in the Karoo remains critical, especially in Beaufort West with surface water levels standing on average at less than 20%; notes further that because the Gamka Dam has been empty for years, the Karoo has long depended on underground water and treated waste water for survival and calls on the Provincial Government to intervene as the borehole supplying the rich had begun to run dry. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? There are no objections to the motion itself? That is - have we concluded ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: Hon Olivier. Hon Nkondlo and hon Dijana, we are still busy with motions without notice. You may proceed hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and congratulates the Western Cape African National Congress for retaining the Knysna ward in Concordia and Jooste Kamp in the recent by-elections, obtaining 85% ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Oh! Well done! Next one ... [Interjection.]

Mr R T OLIVIER:

I repeat, 85% of the vote up from 68% in 2016 ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: Is that in Knysna?

Mr R T OLIVIER:

...while the DA and Economic Freedom Fighters dropped from 14% to 13% and 3% to 2% respectively; also notes that the ANC is making significant inroads in the DA strongholds in the province; by noting further in the last two provincial by-elections, the DA in Saldanha Bay Ward 3, dropped from 70% to 53%, while the ANC moved from 24% to 39%; [Interjections.]

Further notes the DA also in Oudtshoorn Ward 13 has reduced margins of 51% over 60% in 2016; and lauds the ANC for winning back the confidence of the people of the Western Cape. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to that?

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

The SPEAKER: There is an objection. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker [Interjection.]

The SPEAKER: Honourable ... [Interjection.]

Ms N D NKONDLO: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the Western Cape has one of the most lucrative agricultural economies in South Africa, but under the hon MEC Alan Winde it failed to properly transform, in order to allow more equitable black participation; notes further that according to the African Farmers Associations of South Africa, black people own only 1% of arable land in the province and that almost the entire value chain of the sector is white-owned, together with most of the best land and water; and calls on National Government to speed up the process of expropriation of land to bring changes in the current ownership patterns of the agriculture economy of the Western Cape, where the hon Winde mostly preserved it for white domination. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? [Interjections.] There is an objection. There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Dijana.

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes that Jonathan Isaacs (62), from Sandberg Park, Kuilsriver, received an exorbitant water bill of R1,8 million from the City of Cape Town in August; notes further that the pensioner's water bill is usually between R300 and R400 per month. And that he almost

got a heart attack when he was told it is so high; calls for an urgent investigation into exorbitant and regular incorrect water bills in the City and calls on the City to scrap all the incorrect water bills and write back the compounded interest. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the ... [Laughter.]

An HON MEMBER: That is efficient government of DA. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are no objections to the motion itself? I see the hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Knysna Mayor Mark Willemse and councillor Peter Myers were successful in their appeal against the Democratic Alliance's attempts to remove them, after the party found them guilty of misconduct for voting with their conscience in the ANC sponsored motion of no confidence to oust the former controversial Mayor Eleonore Spies, who was favoured by the hon MEC Winde and Minister Madikizela; notes further that the weak and clueless DA provincial leader instructed them to resign; also commends the two and wishes them well in advancing the project of clean governance in the Knysna Municipalities.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? [Interjections.] There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon Dijana. [Interjections.]

Ms T M DIJANA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House joins hands with millions of Western Cape people in welcoming and celebrating the launch of the Anti-gang Unit; notes further that the launch of the unit will play a central role in weakening the capacity of gangs to operate and put a halt to activities, such as the production and sale of drugs while reducing illegal firearms and the high incidents of gang related murders and commends President Cyril Ramaphosa and Police Minister Bheki Cele for listening to the people to bring this unit. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion being moved? There are no objections to the motion itself. I see the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes Mayco member for Urban Housing and Transport in Cape Town, Brett Herron, resigned from the party and council on Thursday, 1 November, citing a white cabal within the party caucus which was opposed to ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: What has that got to do with the price of cheese?

Ms N D NKONDLO:

...provision of social housing within well-located areas; notes further Herron mentioned that a proposed mixed income housing project at Salt River Market and another at Green Point were delayed by the white cabal of amongst others councillor J P Smith, who do not want poor people to be accommodated in places near job opportunities; and calls for an investigation into why the projects have been called off. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. I see the hon member Olivier.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes that the Democratic Alliance has acted rapidly to replace councillors who recently resigned from Cape Town with one of the new councillors being the provincial leader of the DA Youth, Carl Pophaim, who was previously fired as Junior Mayor of Cape Town because he tried to cheat his mock matric exams by stealing exam papers; notes further that the DA who pretends to stand for clean governance appointed Pophaim, knowing his past very well; and calls on the Democratic Alliance [Interjections.] to practice what they are preaching and stop being hypocrites. I so move. [Interjections.]

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any – there are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Is it hon member Dijana?

Ms T M DIJANA: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes the passing on of Nolukhanyo Mtalana (30) who was gunned down in Nyanga on 8 November while she was driving home from a prayer service; notes further Nolukhanyo was an active member of the ANC and she was shot six times by the gunman; conveys condolences to her family and parents and calls on the police to speed up investigations into the murder. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to the motion? Any objections to the motion itself? No? We are still busy with motions without notice. Is that it? Hon member Olivier?

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes with serious concern that the ratepayers were forced to cough up R7,1 million to fund the DA infighting in the City of Cape Town; notes further that the two contradictory Bowman's reports which were at the centre of [Interjections.] to oust De Lille as Mayor, were paid by ratepayers; condemns the abuse of state resources for factional infighting; and calls for an urgent investigation into the procurement process following the appointment of the law firm as well as to investigate the extent of influence and manipulation of it by the senior DA members. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections to – there are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Dijana, is your hand up? Thank you.

Ms T M DIJANA: Madam Speaker, I move without notice:

That the House notes and welcomes arrests of scores of suspects by the Anti-gang Unit in Philippi, since its inception; notes further the suspects were arrested with unlicensed firearms, ammunition and drugs valued at millions of rands; applauds the work of this unit. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? No objections to the motion itself?
I see the hon member Nkondlo.

Ms N D NKONDLO: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes with concern the hon MEC Madikizela's aversion for informal settlement dwellers which keeps on showing by the day; further notes that his Department has evicted more than 18 families from the Joe Slovo informal settlement in Langa, because the families refused to relocate to the TRA in Delft, where other residents were dumped years ago and denounces the MEC for the inhumane treatment of our people who live in informal settlements across the province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection!

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move without notice:

That the House notes the questionable retrenchment of Ms Nozipho Mthembu from the Rustenburg Girls Junior School and notes further that certain members of the School Governing Body at the school had resigned last year in protest against the lack of transformation at the school and thus calls on MEC Schäfer to account on steps that she has taken to advance transformation in this and all former Model C schools [Interjections.] and calls for the building of diversity and inclusivity at all schools in the province. I so move.

[Motion as moved by Member.]

An HON MEMBER: Objection.

The SPEAKER: Are there any objections? There are objections. The motion will be printed on the Order Paper. [Interjections.] We are done then with Motions without Notice. We now move to Orders of the Day. The Secretary will read the Second Order of the Day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The SECRETARY: Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works on the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Amendment Bill's ratification of Annual Mandate.

The SPEAKER: Order. The House received the report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works on the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Amendment Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP not to support this Bill. This mandate has been sent to the NCOP. I will now afford parties an opportunity to make a declaration if they so wish. I see the hon member Hinana.

Mr N E HINANA: Madam Speaker, as the Democratic Alliance, yes, indeed we agree that the Bill appeared in front of the Standing Committee on Transport and Public Works, which is ARTO, and the decision that we took as the Democratic Alliance is that we do not support the Bill.

There are a number of issues, Madam Speaker that were very, very serious. After we had conducted the public participation across the province, the submissions that we have made through the documents and orally by the people who attended the public participation, raised the issues that the Bill is not accepted. Therefore we do not support it.

The SPEAKER: Are there any other? Hon member Dugmore?

Mr C M DUGMORE: Madam Speaker, the African National Congress is on

record as opposing the view of the majority led by the DA in the Committee to oppose this legislation. Member Hinana is correct that, when we had public hearings there were a number of concerns that were raised, but what he fails to inform the House about is that all of those concerns were conveyed to the national Department and there were detailed responses provided by the national Department in regard to some of the very legitimate concerns that had been raised.

But the other issue, Speaker, is that it is quite a contradiction for Mr Hinana to come to this House and say that, because members of the public had concerns about the ATO Bill they are now deciding that they are not going to support it, whereas they did not follow that in regard to the Western Cape Schools Amendment Bill, where it was very clear that the public rejected it ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: No, that was something else.

Mr C M DUGMORE: ... which just shows the contradictions that way. So what we are saying, this legislation should be supported, and we will be lobbying our colleagues nationally, because although there are concerns, it is aimed basically at changing driver behaviour.

It is making sure that there are clear provisions across the country, not only in the pilot areas, to make sure that people can lose their licences should they infringe a certain number of occasions. So, this is a broader attempt to

support and it is really a pity that the DA is not joining this drive to make our roads safer. So, we want to state that that is our position and we actually support this.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, hon Dugmore. In the absence of the EFF and the ACDP, I need to put the question. Are there any objections to the ratification of the conferment of authority on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP not to support the Bill?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: No.

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: So, there is an objection?

An HON MEMBER: Yes.

An HON MEMBER: Oh, yes.

The SPEAKER: So – I have got it. In terms of the objection, I put the question: Those in favour of the report being adopted and that the mandate conferred to the Western Cape Provincial delegation in the NCOP, not to support the Amendment Bill be ratified, will say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The SPEAKER: Those against, say no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

The SPEAKER: I think the aye's have it. [Interjections.] And so they have. So we will carry on. Thank you.

An HON MEMBER: We want to call a division.

The SPEAKER: Well you might want to call a division ... [Interjections.] It is only 20 past eight, so you might want to call the division. [Interjections.] I am just checking. The Secretary will read the Third Order of the Day.

The SECRETARY: Consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Amendment Bill, NCOP Bill, it is ratification of final mandate.

The SPEAKER: Order. The House received the Report of the Standing Committee on Local Government on the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Amendment Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP to abstain from voting on the Amendment Bill. This mandate has been sent to the NCOP. I will now afford parties an

opportunity to make a declaration if they so wish.

An HON MEMBER: We abstain. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: The hon member Olivier, I see you. You have three minutes for your declaration.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Madam, the African National Congress supports the Bill which is aimed at making provision for the recognition of the Khoi and San Traditional Leaders. The Bill ... [Interjection.]

An HON MEMBER: That is another Bill.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Oh, is it another bill?

An HON MEMBER: That is another Bill.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Which Bill is that?

Mr P UYS: It is local leading ... [Interjection.] Go back and see.

An HON MEMBER: Traditional Leadership.

The SPEAKER: Hon members, please excuse me. [Interjections.] Sorry, hon member Olivier. We are busy with the Third Order of the Day and it deals with the abstention from voting on the Bill in terms of Traditional Leadership

and Governance Framework. [Interjections.]

Mr R T OLIVIER: No, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER: That – is it not that one?

Mr P UYS: We support it.

Mr R T OLIVIER: Ja. No, Madam, we support it. Let me not read this long one, but Madam Speaker, the ANC would want to persuade our members on the NCOP to support that Bill.

Mr P UYS: Ja. And not to abstain.

The SPEAKER: Okay. So now I need to put the question. Those in favour of the report being adopted ... [Interjections.] and that the mandate to the Western Cape delegation to the NCOP to abstain from voting on the Amendment Bill be ratified will say aye.

HON MEMBERS: Aye!

The SPEAKER: Those against say no.

HON MEMBERS: No!

The SPEAKER: I think the aye's have it. [Interjections.] And so they have.

[Interjections.] The Secretary will now read the Fourth Order of the Day. We are nearly there, members. †Bedaar asseblief. Net 'n bietjie langer. [Calm down please. Just a little bit longer.]

The SECRETARY: Consideration of Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill, the NCOP Bill. It's ratification of final mandate.

The SPEAKER: Order please. The House received the Report of the Standing Committee on Community Development on the National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill, conferring authority on the Western Cape delegation in the NCOP to support this Bill. This mandate has been sent to the NCOP. I will now afford parties the opportunity to make a declaration if they so wish. I see the hon member Makeleni.

Ms P MAKELENI: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill came in front of the Health Standing Committee on 21 August 2018. The Committee has extensively deliberated and further satisfied itself on the understanding of the content of the Bill and what this amendment seeks to achieve, and the following was discovered:

- That the purpose to amend the National Health Laboratory Act 37 of 2000 to be able to define certain expression and amend or delete certain definition;
- to make a professional Procurement Policy Framework, Act 5 of

2000 applicable to the national health laboratory services

- to advise objectives and duties whilst the National Health Laboratory Service has achieved certain objectives such as:
 - consolidation and strengthening of Laboratory Services;
 - infrastructure;
 - improvement in access and offering high quality teaching, training and research structure.

The ANC supports the Amendment Bill as it seeks to strengthen :

- The leadership, governance and accountability problem by empowering the Health Minister to appoint a board that will account to the Minister, Parliament and to the relevant stakeholders, also
- Funding mechanism of the National Health Laboratory Service by replacing Section 18 of the Act by providing the Minister in consultation with the Minister of Finance, to prescribe a financial mechanism to the service and to provide the funds for the services.
- To reduce the burden of the National Health Laboratory Service by giving the NSL a supporting role instead of being the provider, trainer for health and science education as this is not their field of speciality, rather of the institutions of higher learning.

It is important to note that the participation to relevant stakeholders was done, of which very few came, or submissions were received. None is

opposing the Amendment Bill. The Committee was unanimous in supporting the Amendment Bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I thank you. Are there any objections, sorry. Are there any other reports? I see the hon Botha.

Ms L J BOTHA: The National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill will bring welcome changes to the functioning of public health care in the Western Cape Province and the Standing Committee on Health at the Western Cape Provincial Parliament supports it.

It is in the best interests of all South Africans to update, refresh and amend our legislation accordingly in order to meet the changing needs of our people moving forward. This Bill seeks to ensure that service delivery and governance are best capacitated and reformed to carry out services which are efficient, effective and carried out in a logical manner. The Standing Committee on Health in this House welcomes the Bill as it is sent to the National Council of Provinces for final processing. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections to the ratification of the conferment of authority on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP to support the Bill?

An HON MEMBER: No.

The SPEAKER: There are no objections. Agreed to. Hon members, that concludes the business for the day. The House is adjourned.

The House adjourned at 20:25.